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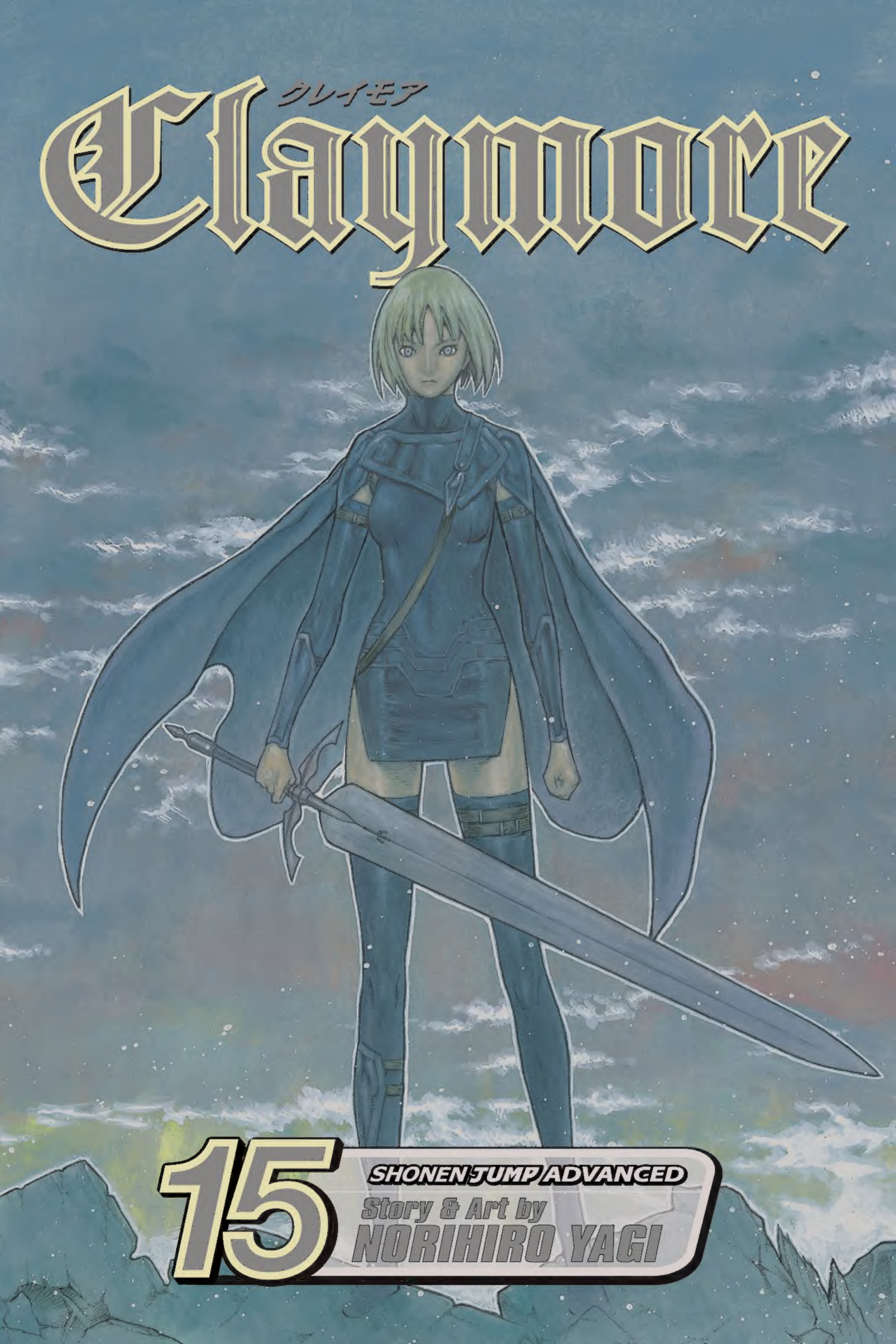

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The Story Thus Far

Creatures known as Yoma have long preyed on humans, who were once powerless against their predators. But now mankind has developed female warriors who are half human and half monster, with silver eyes that can see the monsters' true form. These warriors came to be called Claymores after the immense broadswords that they carried.

Seven years have passed since the Battle of the North, and Clare and her comrades have begun to act. Meanwhile, Clarice and Miata come to the holy city of Rabona in their search for the deserter Galatea, but there they encounter the Awakened Being Agatha!

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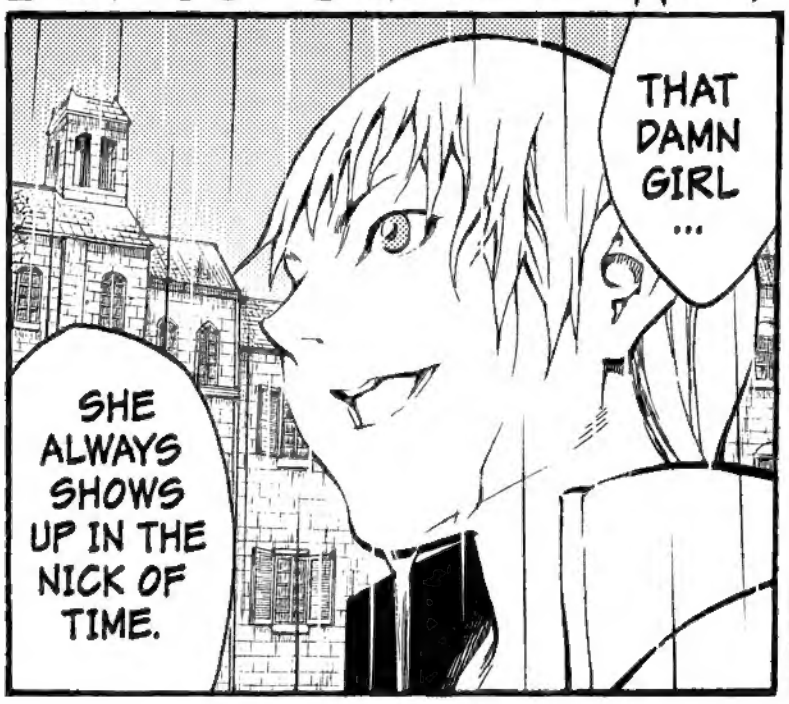
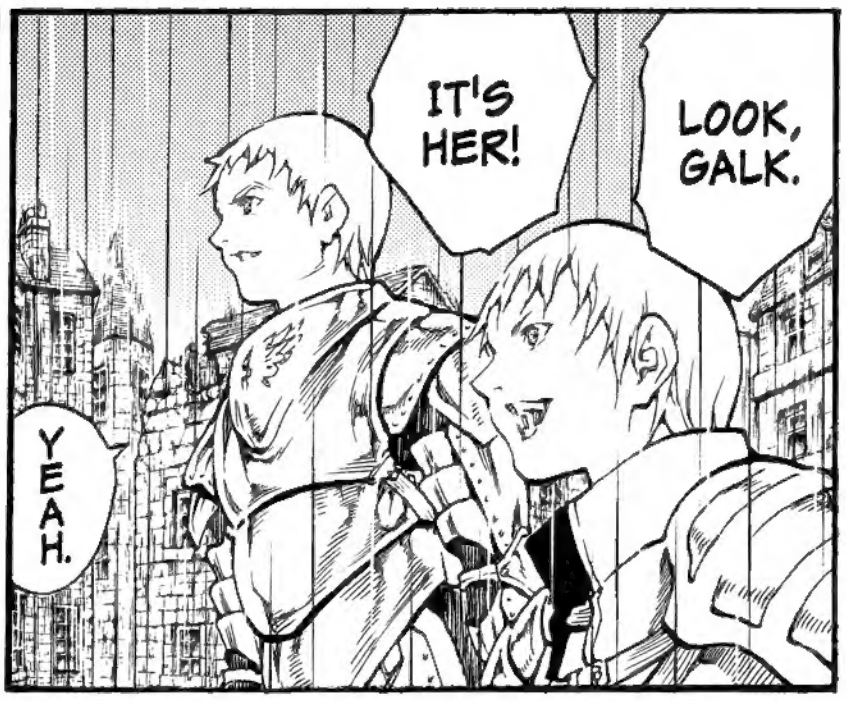
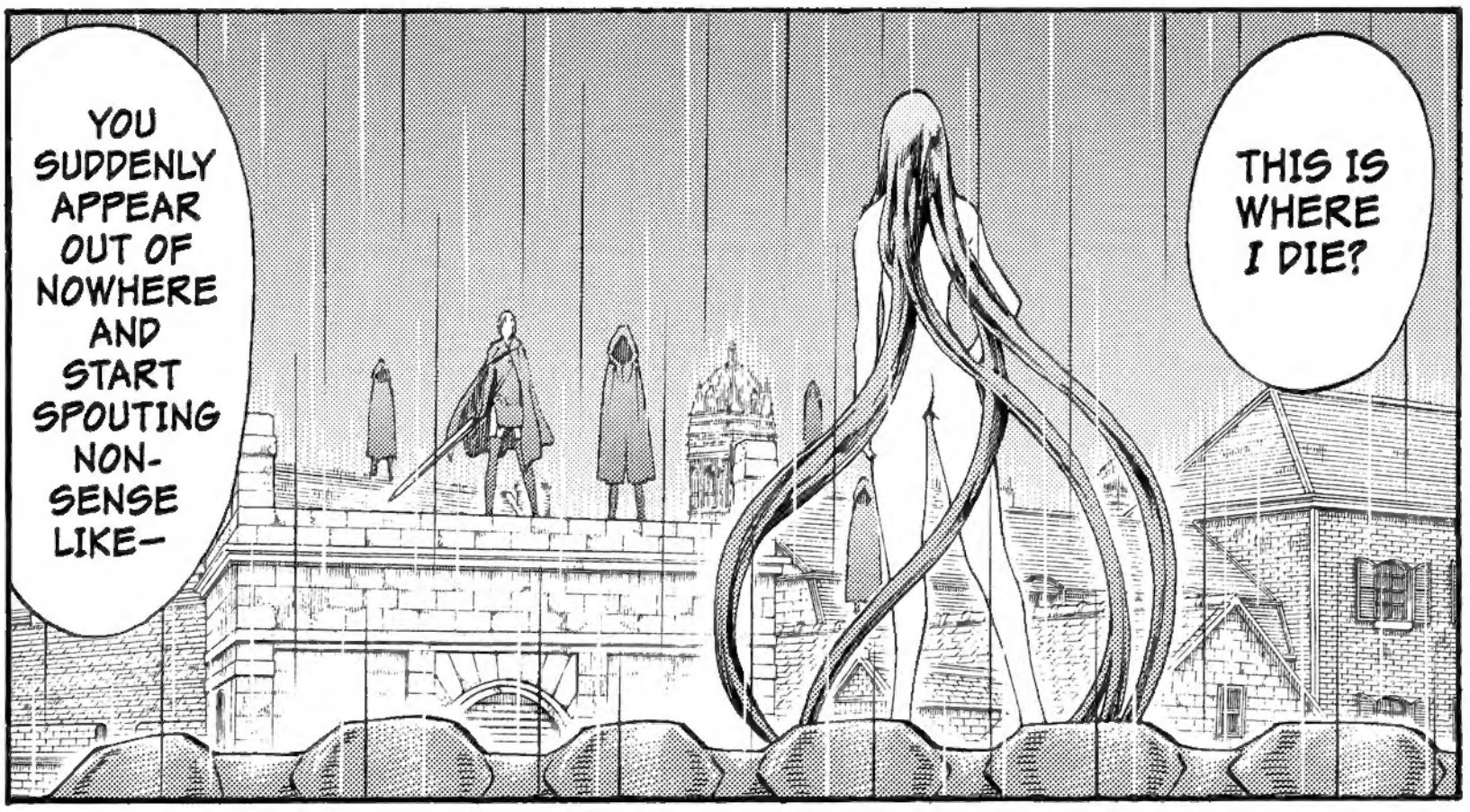
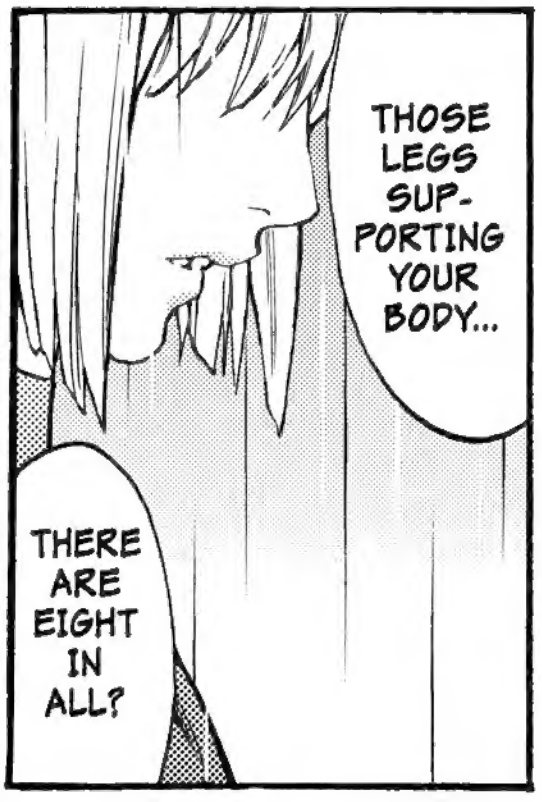
SCENE 78: GENESIS OF WAR, PART 1









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TCH.
DO GA
DO GA
DO GA
T
FW AP
FIRST ...
WE'LL DROP YOU TO THE GROUND.
SCENE 78: GENESIS OF WAR, PART 1

SSU...

HYUUU

ZU

BA

BA

M

!!

HYUU

HYUU

HYUU

ZUBAAM

TOMP

IMPOSSIBLE...

WHAT ON EARTH ...?

I'LL TELL YOU ONLY THE NAME OF THIS TECH-NIQUE.

IT'S THE SWORD TECHNIQUE USED BY THE NUMBER 8 WARRIOR, FLORA, WHO FELL IN THE NORTH.

WIND-CUTTER.

DO

GA

DO

GA

GA

SHA

ZU

BA

GA

SHU

BO

OM

DGOOOM

AH...

VISH

WHAT IS IT?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

KYAA!

WH—

WHUMP

!!

!

SHE TOOK YOUR EYES AND AN ARM?

NO... MY EYES HAVE BEEN LIKE THIS FOR A LONG TIME.

NNH ...

FWP

YOU MUST BE—

I'VE HEARD THAT VOICE BEFORE.

SH HF

THERE'S SOME-THING I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF FIRST.

SORRY, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO TALK LATER.

FW

PAS

H

I HAVE NO REASON TO HOLD BACK AGAINST AN AWAKENED ONE.

I'LL FINISH THIS IN ONE STRIKE.

READ THIS WAY

HMPH.

FWP

HEH HEH.

KSHAK

SUU...

GASHAK

SH

AK

STRONG...

WHO ARE... THESE PEOPLE?

ARE THEY ON OUR SIDE?

WH... WHAT THE ...?

THOSE TWO ARE FAR BEYOND THE OTHERS.

THEY'RE ALL STRONG, BUT TWO OF THEM SMELL *REALLY* STRONG.

TWO OF THEM SMELL STRONG ...

EH?

READ THIS WAY

HMPH.

VW

RR

GISHI

GI...

VWRL

VWRL

!

YOU'VE MANAGED TO GET ME TO FIGHT IN MY TRUE FORM.
GUSHI
GUSHI
GUSHI
NOT BAD FOR A BUNCH OF SMALL FRY.
DO
ON

HER TRUE FORM'S THAT HUGE?!

IS SHE FOR REAL?

DO

WHOA!

GA

AAA

WWM

WAIT!

!

DON'T BE FOOLED! SHE'S—

I'LL TAKE HER HEAD OFF WITH A DRILL-SWORD!

DENEVE, CLARE— COVER ME!

BAM

BAM

BAM

READ THIS WAY

BUT IT SHIFTS AROUND CONSTANTLY TO PREVENT AN ENEMY FROM TARGETING IT.

HER REAL BODY IS NOW INSIDE THE LOWER ABDOMEN.

THIS AWAKENED FORM IS MERELY A FAÇADE SHE HIDES HERSELF BEHIND.

HER TRUE FORM REMAINS THE SAME AS A HUMAN'S IN SIZE AND SHAPE.

SHE LIED WHEN SHE SAID THIS IS HER TRUE FORM.

HUH?

HER WEAK POINTS ARE THE TRUE FORM'S HEAD AND THE HAIR THAT CONNECTS IT TO THE AWAKENED FORM.

AND EVEN THAT BODY IS JUST A DECO-RATION IMITATING HUMAN FORM.

!!

THERE IS ONE THING, HOWEVER. SINCE THE HAIR IS WHAT CONNECTS HER TO THE AWAKENED FORM...

IF YOU WANT TO STOP HER IN ONE GO, YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE HEAD OF HER TRUE FORM.

NO, IT'S JUST AS SHE SAYS.

THAT'S HOW IT SEEMS, BUT DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD...

...

"GOD-EYES" GALA-TEA?

!

I WILL.

PLEASE... SAVE THIS TOWN...

PHAN-TOM MIRIA.

I DE-SERTED THE ORGANI-ZATION.

UNLIKE YOU ALL.

IF WE WERE A TEAM, YOU'D PROBABLY BE THE LEADER.

GOT IT.

...EVEN ONE MORE PERSON DIE.

I WON'T LET...

VWOM

NEW ...

PHANTOM...

!

KA-THUNK
BA-M
BA-M
UPPER BODY.
LEFT TORSO.
WHERE?
GH?!

BA

BAM

!!

SWING

SWING

SWING

BAM

SWING

SWING

SWING

DO

GUAA

N

BA

BAM

WHERE?

MOVING FROM SHOULDER TO ARM.

RIGHT SIDE.

THOK

!!

WAHOO!

ZA

KOM

TCH!

HER VITAL ORGANS HAVE MOVED INTO THE HUMAN FORM.

THAT'S ACTUALLY HER REAL BODY NOW.

READ THIS WAY

IN AN INSTANT... THEY TOOK DOWN AN AWAKENED NUMBER 2...

INCRED-IBLE...

VW

SH

DAMN.

BA M

DO

BA

DON'T MOVE.

OR I'LL RIP HER THROAT OUT.

GASH

AAA

!!

...THAT TAKING A HOSTAGE WILL WORK WITH US?

DO YOU REALLY THINK ...

AH!

I THOUGHT IT MIGHT JUST WORK WITH SOME-ONE WHO'S CAPABLE OF BLURTING OUT THAT KIND OF DRIVEL.

AND WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE, ABOUT NOT LETTING ANOTHER PERSON DIE...

BUT JUDGING BY YOUR OUTFITS, YOU'RE NOT REGULAR WARRIORS.

NOT IF I WAS FIGHTING REGULAR WAR-RIORS, NO.

READ THIS WAY

DON'T YOU CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO HER?!

STAY BACK!

TOMP

!

THERE'S NOTHING MORE YOU CAN DO.

IT'S HOPELESS.

FROM THAT TIME BEFORE ...

SO IT'S YOU...

!

THAT TECH-NIQUE FROM BEFORE... CAN YOU STILL USE IT?

WARRIOR NUMBER 47...

I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN ...

... GALA-TEA.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

ARE YOU DEAF?!

I TOLD YOU TO STOP!

THE POWER'S DROPPED, BUT THE ACCURACY IS EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE.

TMP

TMP

SHK

TMP

OF COURSE.

GASH

UT

YOU CUT MY HAIR.

I THOUGHT YOU SAID THE ACCURACY WAS BETTER...

NGH ...

GH!

WSSSH

FLIT

I AL-READY TOLD YOU.

THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR YOU BUT TO DIE RIGHT HERE.

DON'T SCREW WITH ME!

YOU DIRTY LITTLE BITCH!

IF YOU'D PREFER THAT IT NOT BE CUT, I'LL BE MORE CARE-FUL.

I WASN'T REALLY PAYING ATTEN-TION TO THE HAIR.

SHAK

IF YOU DON'T MIND.

YES.

...WITH ME...

ZSHAK
SH
K

Scene 79: Genesis of War, Part 2

WSS SH

THEY WON?

HOW'D THEY DO IT?

IT HAPPENED SO FAST I COULDN'T SEE IT.

GA S.!

AK

OH!

DON'T WORRY.

!

THEY'RE NOT. THEY'RE—

LOOK.

THE RAIN HAS STOPPED.

THEY CARRY CLAY-MORES, BUT THEIR OUTFITS ...

WHO ARE THESE WOMEN?

WAIT, THEY'RE NOT NEW ENEMIES, ARE THEY?

MY GOD... THE WARRIORS FALLEN IN THE NORTH...

!

ARE THEY THE SEVEN WHO WERE MISSING?

SEVEN UNKNOWN WARRIORS, CARRYING CLAY-MORES...

SEVEN OF THEM ...

YOUR ARM WAS ONLY JUST CUT OFF, SO YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO REGENER-ATE IT.

YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF WOUNDS, BUT NONE OF THEM ARE LIFE THREAT-ENING.

SHF

!

LET ME HELP YOU.

BUT IT'S MUCH FASTER WHEN TWO PEOPLE DO IT INSTEAD OF ONE.

DON'T WORRY, I'M A DEFENSIVE TYPE. I CAN REGEN-ERATE BY MYSELF.

OHO... YOU'RE HARMONIZING YOUR YOMA ENERGY TO HELP ME RECOVER AND REGEN-ERATE...

READ THIS WAY

ESSENTIALLY, I CAN ONLY SUPPLEMENT SOMEONE'S REGENERATIVE POWER.

IN THIS CASE, PROBABLY—

THESE WOUNDS ARE FROM QUITE LONG AGO.

CAN YOU HEAL THEM?

WHAT ABOUT THE EYES?

TOO MUCH TIME HAS PASSED. AT THIS POINT, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO RESTORE THINGS TO THE WAY THEY WERE.

HEALING AND REGENERATION DEPEND LARGELY ON ONE'S MEMORY.

YOU DON'T REALLY REGRET IT.

IT SEEMS ...

WHAT I HAVE HERE IS FAR MORE VALUABLE THAN SIGHT.

RE-GRET WHAT?

I INFLICTED THESE WOUNDS UPON MYSELF BECAUSE I WANTED TO LIVE INCOGNITO IN THIS TOWN.

IF I'D WANTED TO HEAL THEM, I WOULD HAVE DONE IT LONG AGO.

GA
SHAK

NGH
...

NH...

SH

AK

HER MISSION IS TO KILL ME.

NO.

!

OH, PLEASE ...

YOU WANNA GO, DARK-HAIR?

WHAT?

READ THIS WAY

NOW THAT I'VE DONE WHAT I NEEDED TO...

YOU CAN HAVE MY LIFE.

SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE.

GH ...

NH ...

NHH ...

WHY?

WHY WOULD ...

GH ...

EVEN THOUGH THE TARGET IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO.

EVEN IF IT IS AN ORDER FROM THE ORGANI-ZATION.

WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE EVIL?

I CAN'T KILL YOU AFTER HEARING YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?

DON'T GO BACK TO THE ORGANI-ZATION.

IN THAT CASE ...

HUH?

SO THERE'S ONLY ONE PATH LEFT FOR YOU TO TAKE: DON'T GO BACK.

AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GET AWAY WITH SAYING YOU COULDN'T FIND GALATEA OR THAT SHE ESCAPED.

...THEY WILL CERTAINLY DETERMINE THAT YOU DISOBEYED ORDERS, WHICH TO THEM IS THE SAME AS TREASON. YOU'LL PROBABLY BE EXECUTED ON THE SPOT.

IF YOU GO BACK TO THEM WITHOUT KILLING GALATEA ...

READ THIS WAY

FROM THAT MOMENT ON, YOU'LL BE TRAITORS.

AND YOU'LL BE MARKED FOR DEATH.

YES.

BUT IF WE DO THAT...

THEN WE...

B-BUT...

AT LEAST OFFICIALLY, RABONA IS HOLY GROUND.

AND THEY KNOW THAT THE CITY STRICTLY FORBIDS ENTRANCE TO HALF-YOMA.

BUT IF YOU STAY IN THIS CITY, THE ORGANIZATION WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THEIR HANDS ON YOU EASILY.

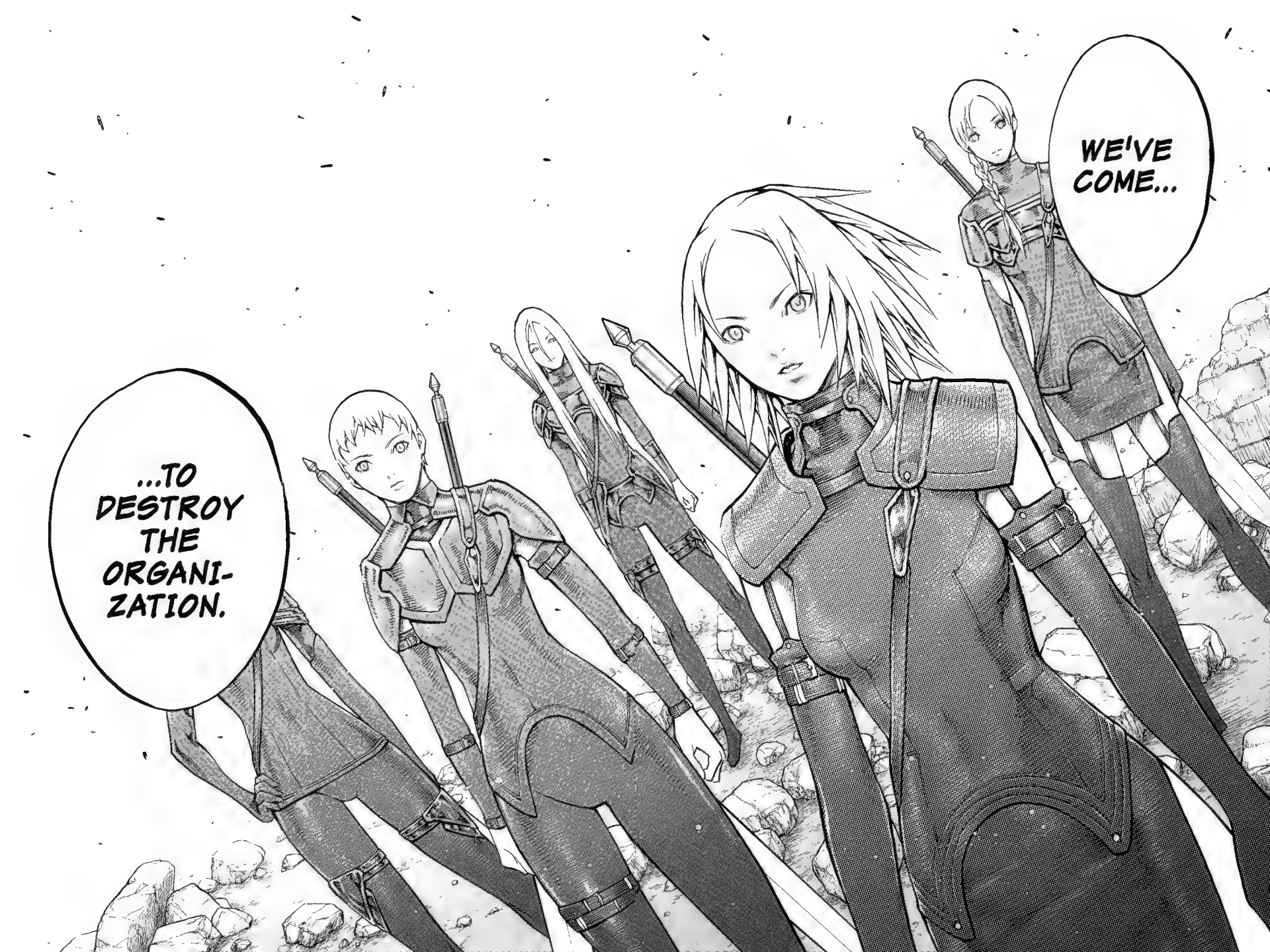
WHAT?

...A TEMPORARY SOLUTION IS ALL WE NEED.

THAT'S TRUE, BUT...

IF THEY FELT LIKE IT, THE ORGANIZATION COULD WIPE OUT US AND THE ENTIRE CITY WITHOUT MUCH DIFFICULTY.

IT'S A TEMPORARY SOLUTION AT BEST.


WE'VE COME...
...TO DESTROY THE ORGANI-ZATION.

WHAT?!

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

IF YOU ARE, I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY EXCEPT THAT IT'S A RECKLESS, FOOLISH IDEA.

...YOU'RE WILLING TO CROSS SWORDS WITH THE ORGANI-ZATION'S CURRENT WARRIORS?

TO GET REVENGE FOR THE WARRIORS FALLEN IN THE NORTH...

THAT'S NOT OUR AIM.

OUR OBJEC-TIVE IS THE ORGANI-ZATION ITSELF.

WE WON'T FIGHT THE WARRIORS.

READ THIS WAY

ALL THAT WILL HAPPEN IS THE ORGANIZATION'S FORMER WARRIORS AND CURRENT WARRIORS WILL BE SUCKED INTO A POINTLESS BATTLE.

IF YOU FIGHT THE ORGANIZATION, THEY'LL DISPATCH THE CURRENT WARRIORS.

THEY'RE THE SAME THING.

...THAT THIS HASN'T OCCURRED TO PHANTOM MIRIA, THE FORMER NUMBER 6.

THERE IS NO WAY...

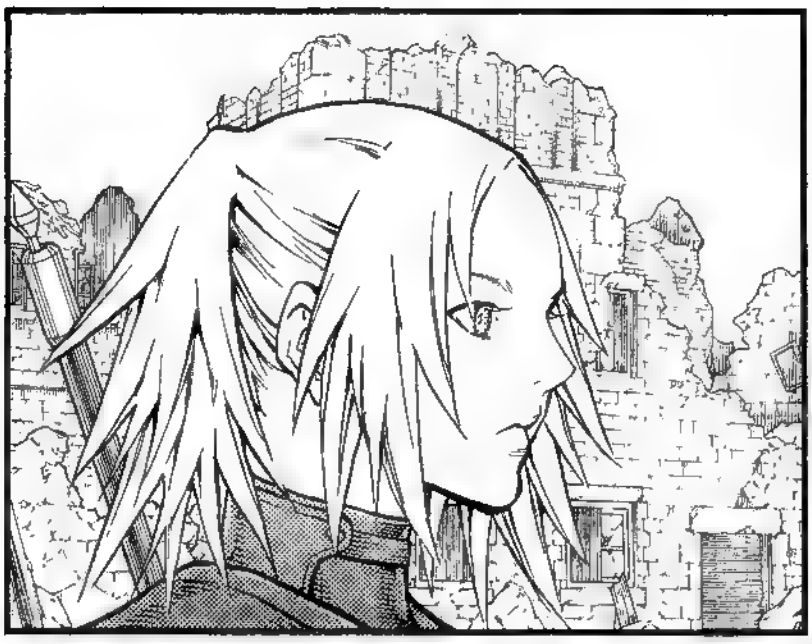
...THE SAFETY OF THE HUMAN WORLD DEPENDS ON THEM.

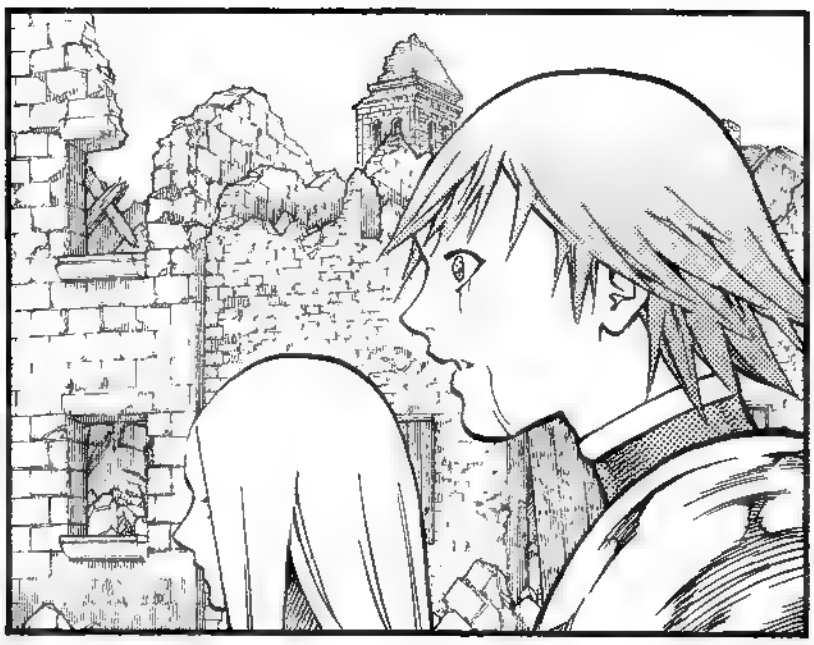
NO MATTER WHAT UNFOR-GIVABLE THINGS THE ORGANI-ZATION HAS DONE TO US...

EVEN IF WE'RE HATED AND DESPISED BY HUMANS, WE HALF-YOMA ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN HUNT YOMA.

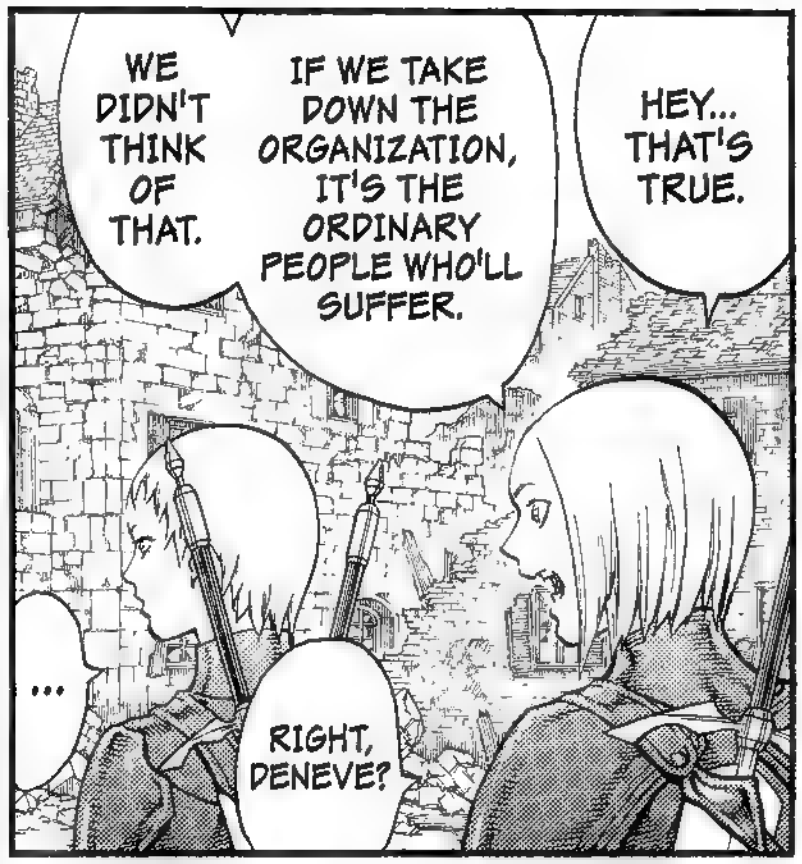
WITHOUT THE ORGANIZATION, HUMANS WILL BE HELPLESSLY DEVOURED BY YOMA, JUST AS BEFORE.

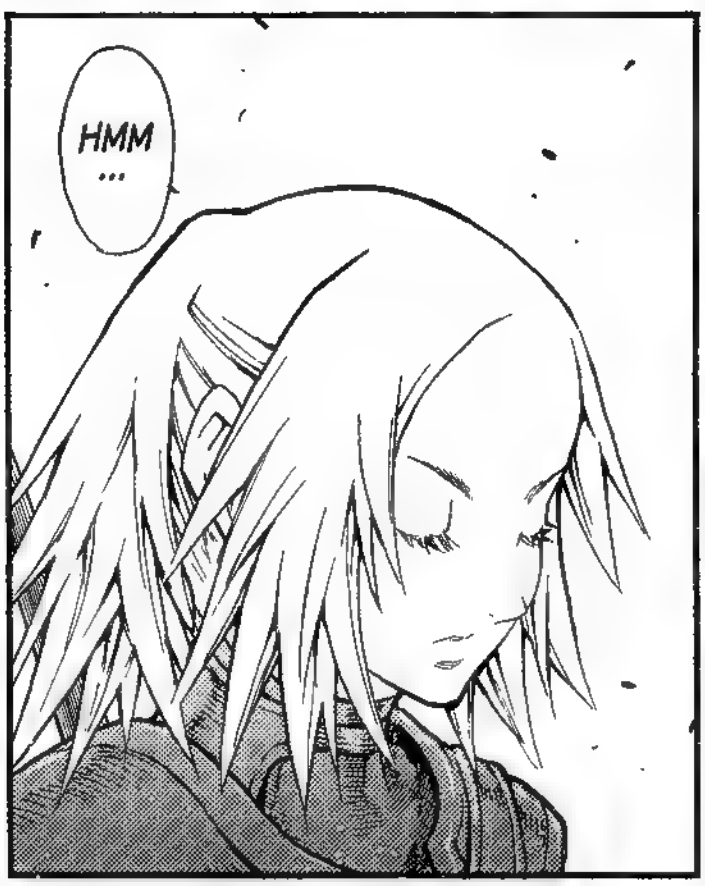
AND THEN WHAT ABOUT THE YOMA?





IT'S THE ONE BIG FLAW IN MIRIA'S PLAN FOR REVENGE AGAINST THE ORGANI-ZATION.
THAT'S RIGHT.


WE DIDN'T THINK OF THAT.
IF WE TAKE DOWN THE ORGANIZATION, IT'S THE ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO'LL SUFFER.
HEY... THAT'S TRUE.
...
RIGHT, DENEVE?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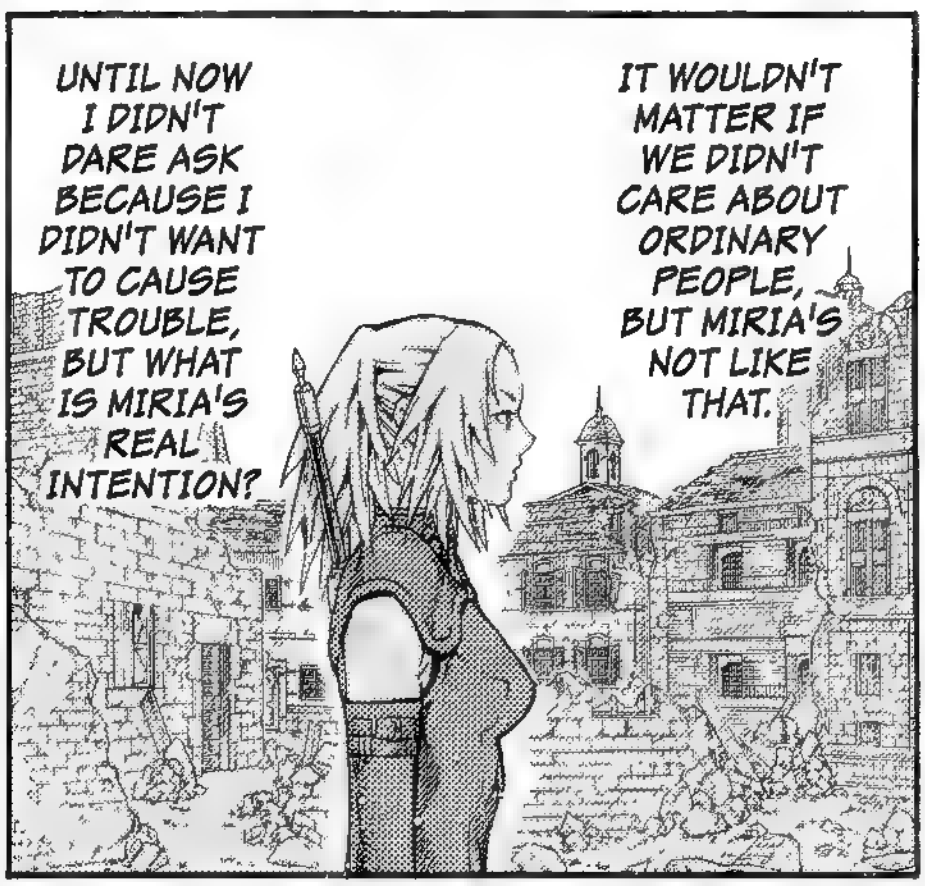
UNTIL NOW I DIDN'T DARE ASK BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO CAUSE TROUBLE, BUT WHAT IS MIRIA'S REAL INTENTION?
IT WOULDN'T MATTER IF WE DIDN'T CARE ABOUT ORDINARY PEOPLE, BUT MIRIA'S NOT LIKE THAT.

READ THIS WAY

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO TELL YOU EVERY-THING I'VE LEARNED.

ALL RIGHT.

...YOU'VE LEARNED?

EVERY-THING...

?

!

BUT I QUICKLY PERCEIVED THE DILEMMA THAT GALATEA JUST DESCRIBED.

IN MY RAGE AFTER LOSING A FRIEND, I DECIDED TO TAKE REVENGE AGAINST THE ORGANI-ZATION.

AT THAT TIME, I HAD NO CRITERIA BY WHICH TO JUDGE THEM.

AND SO, WHILE FULFILLING MY ASSIGNED DUTIES, I BEGAN TO INVESTIGATE THE ORGANI-ZATION.

I'D HEARD ABOUT A VILLAGE DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS WHOSE INHABITANTS HAD BEEN SEEMINGLY FORGOTTEN BY THE REST OF HUMANITY.

MY GREATEST SUSPICION AROSE FROM AN AREA IN THE SOUTHWEST, THE FURTHEST AWAY FROM THE ORGANI-ZATION'S CONTROL.

...AND THEN JOURNEYED OUT TO THE REMOTE EDGES OF THIS CONTINENT TO GATHER INFOR-MATION.

SO I SNUCK INTO THE ORGANI-ZATION'S ARCHIVES ...

READ THIS WAY

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY'D EVER HEARD WHAT HAD BEEN PASSED DOWN AMONG US FOR AGES— THAT YOMA HAD INFESTED THE LAND LONG AGO.

THE PEOPLE WERE TERRIBLY SHOCKED TO SEE ME. THEY DIDN'T KNOW OF THE EXISTENCE OF YOMA.

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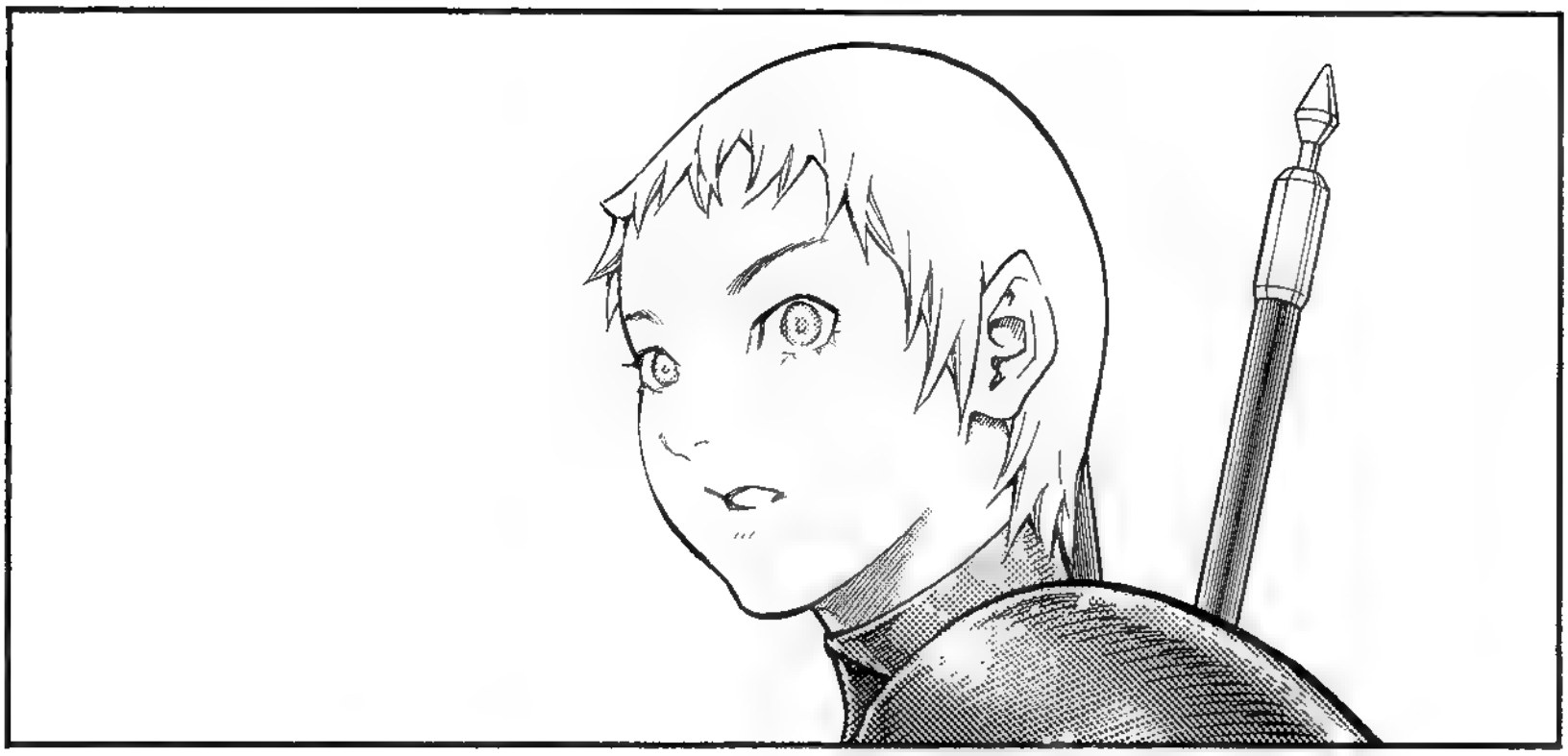
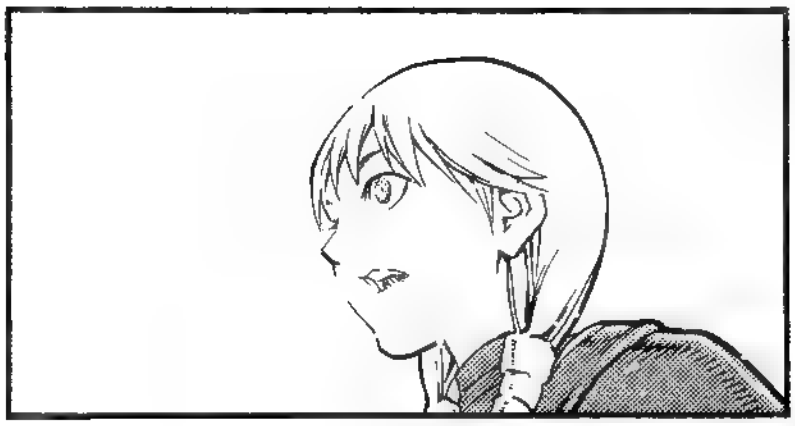
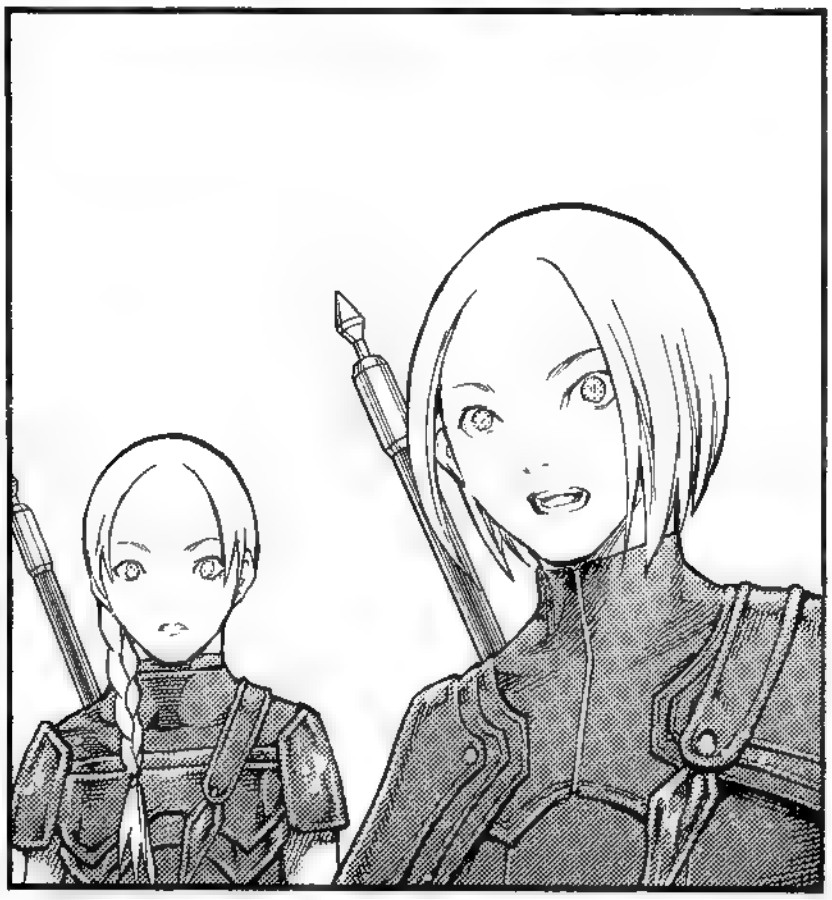
WHAT?

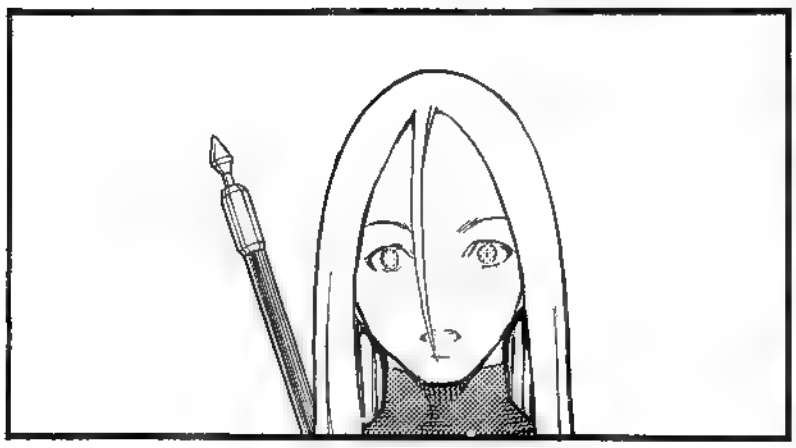
SO I CAME UP WITH A THEORY.

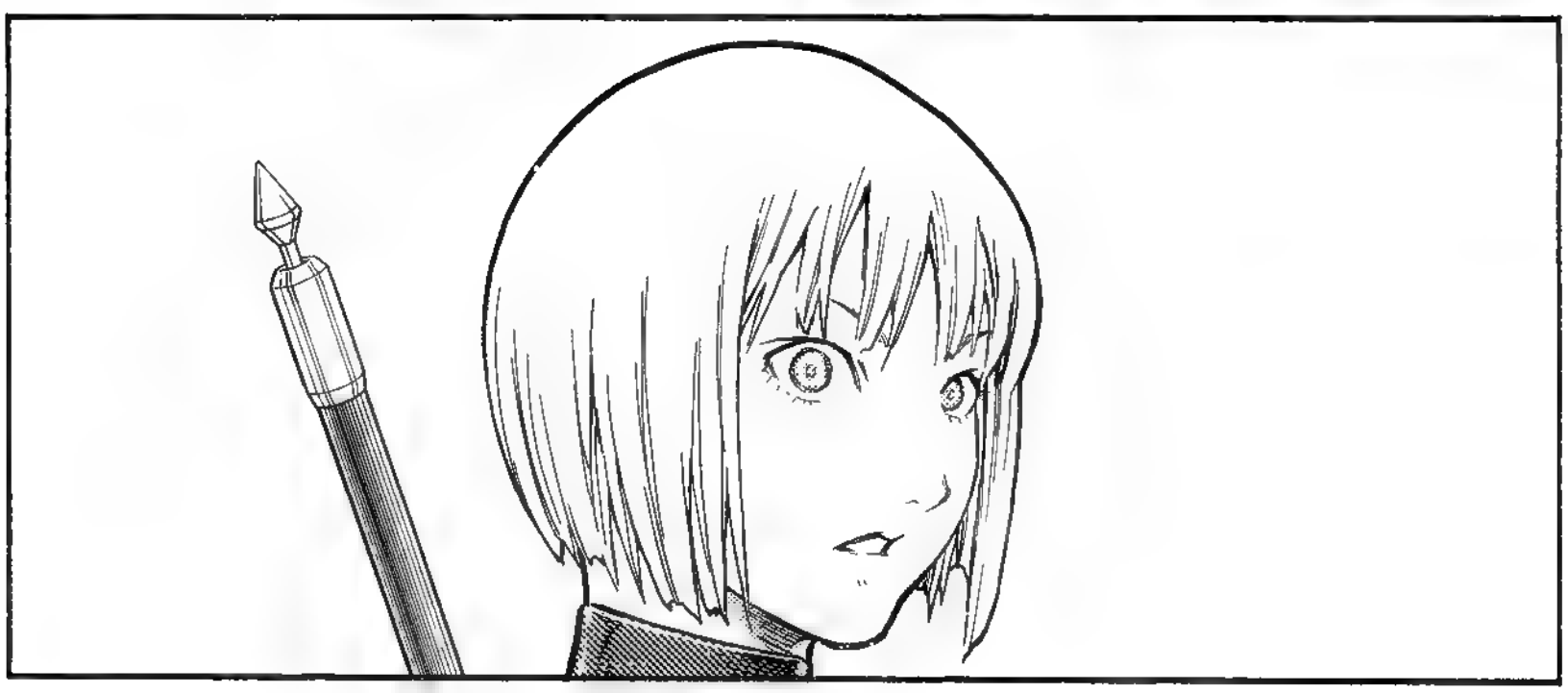
YOMA
...
...ARE CREATED BY THE ORGANI-ZATION ITSELF.











READ THIS WAY

THEY'RE TOO FAR AWAY. I CAN'T HEAR A THING.

WHAT'RE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

THINK WE OUGHTA LEAVE 'EM ALONE.

WELL, THEY SEEM PRETTY TENSE.

WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?

HOW COULD THAT—

THAT'S IN-SANE.

WHAT?

HUH? YOMA ARE...

WE'VE ALWAYS HAD OUR DOUBTS REGARDING THE EXISTENCE OF YOMA.

SURELY THIS MUST HAVE CROSSED ALL OF YOUR MINDS AT ONE POINT OR ANOTHER.

THEY EXISTED FROM LONG AGO... CONTINUALLY PREYING ON HUMANS... THE GREATEST PREDATORS ALIVE...

BUT IT WAS ALL EXPLAINED AWAY SO SIMPLY.

...AND AS THOSE WHO REMEMBERED THE TIME BEFORE YOMA DIED OFF, THE STORIES BECAME THE REALITY OF HISTORY.

AT FIRST, SOME PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE HAD DOUBTS, BUT AS TIME PASSED...

THE TRUTH IS, IT WAS THE YOMA THEMSELVES— THOSE IN THE ORGANIZATION.

BUT WHO WAS IT THAT TOLD US THESE STORIES?

READ THIS WAY

IT DOESN'T AMOUNT TO A SHRED OF PROOF.

HOW FOOLISH... IT'S JUST A WILD SUPPOSITION BASED ON THE WORDS OF A BUNCH OF VILLAGERS ISOLATED FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD.

WHAT?

THERE IS PROOF.

BUT IT'S SO CLOSE THAT WE DIDN'T EVEN SEE IT.

IT'S SOMETHING EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US HERE CARRIES.

GRIP

IT CAN'T BE...

NO WAY ...

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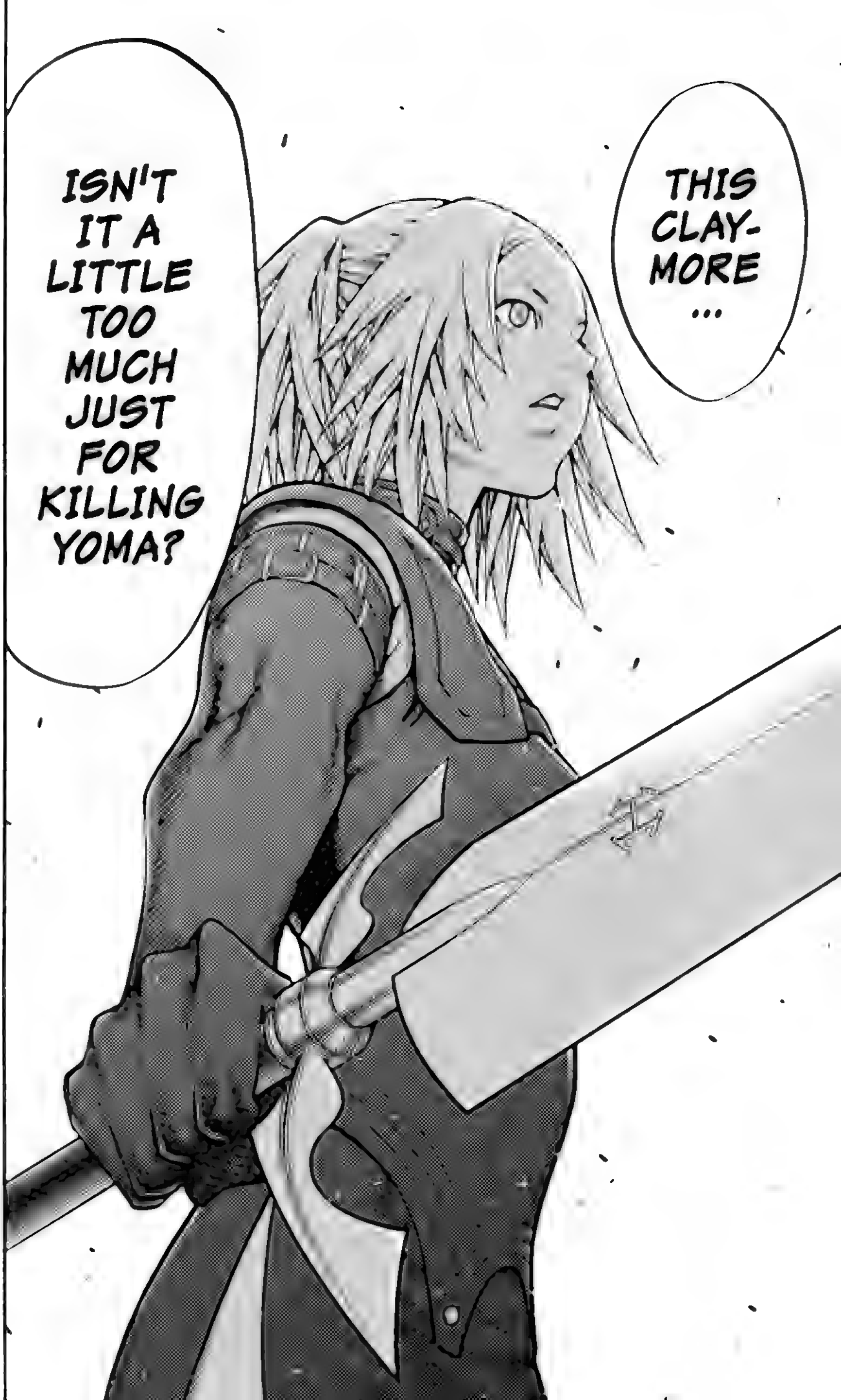
ISN'T IT A LITTLE TOO MUCH JUST FOR KILLING YOMA?

THIS CLAY-MORE ...



READ THIS WAY

!!

!

I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE EVEN GET CHIPPED.

IN ALL THE TIME WE'VE BATTLED YOMA, NOT ONCE HAS A CLAYMORE BENT OR BROKEN.

AWAK-ENED BEINGS OR...

SOME-THING EVEN GREATER?

WHAT COULD THAT ...

...THEY WERE MADE TO BE USED AGAINST AWAKENED BEINGS OR SOMETHING EVEN GREATER.

IT'S AS THOUGH, FROM THE START ...

AND SEARCHING EVEN WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION ITSELF, I COULDN'T FIND A FACILITY THAT WAS CAPABLE OF MANU-FACTURING SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

I'VE WALKED THIS CONTINENT FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER, AND I HAVEN'T FOUND A METAL ANYWHERE NEAR AS HARD AS THIS.

...CAN'T BE MADE— SHOULDN'T EVEN EXIST— ON THIS CONTINENT.

THAT MEANS THIS BROAD-SWORD...

DOESN'T THAT MEAN IT'S NOT FROM THIS WORLD?

IF IT'S NOT FROM THIS CONTI-NENT...

O-OI, MIRIA... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

READ THIS WAY

AND SO PEOPLE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IN THIS WORLD, THIS IS THE ONLY CONTINENT.

UNTIL NOW, COUNTLESS SHIPS HAVE SET SAIL LOOKING FOR NEW LANDS BUT HAVE FOUND NOTHING.

THEY'VE MADE US THINK THIS CONTINENT IS THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD.

SEE... HERE'S ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW THE ORGANIZATION MANIPULATES INFOR-MATION.

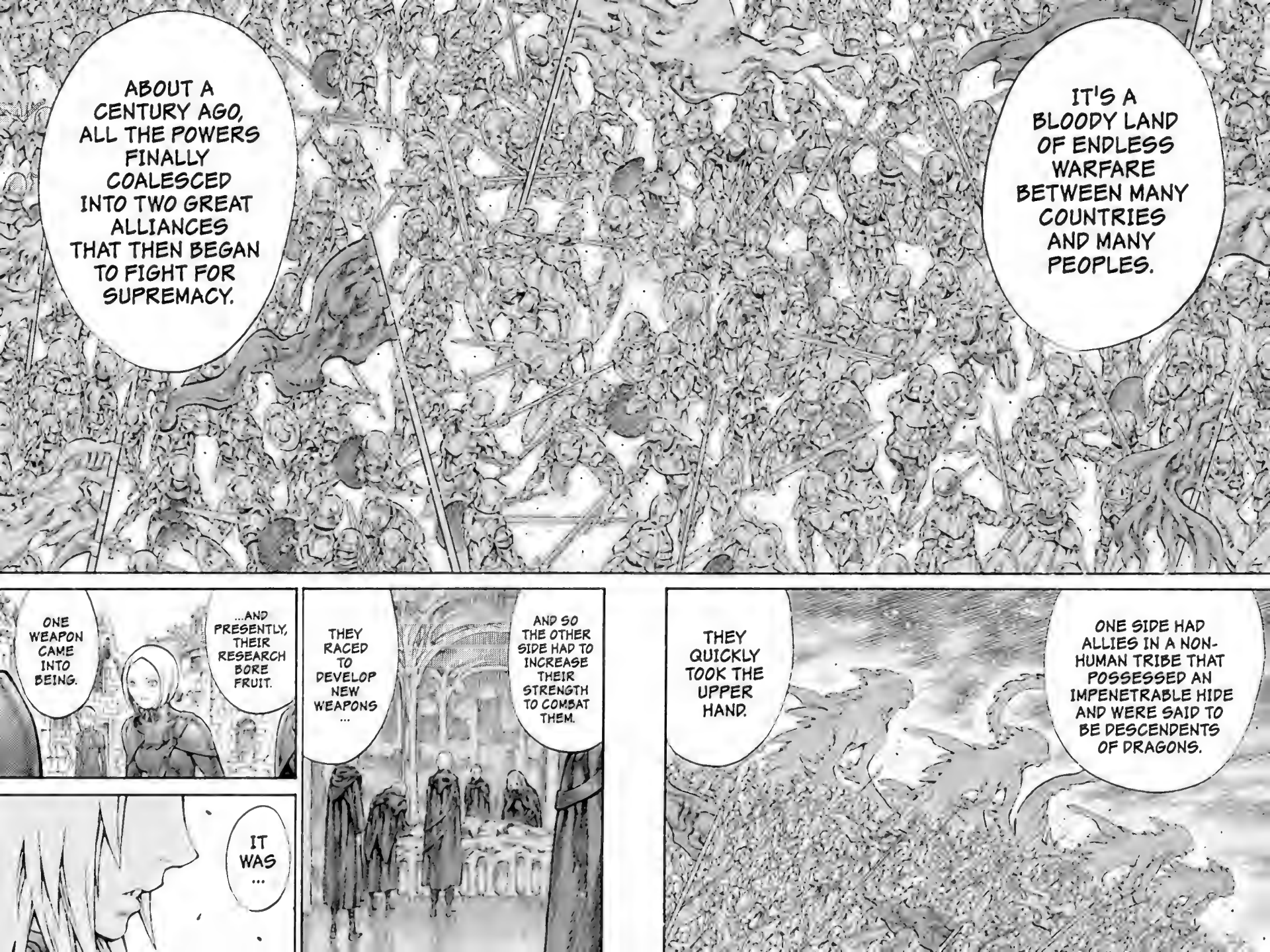
IN THIS WORLD, THERE IS ANOTHER LAND EVEN GREATER THAN OURS.

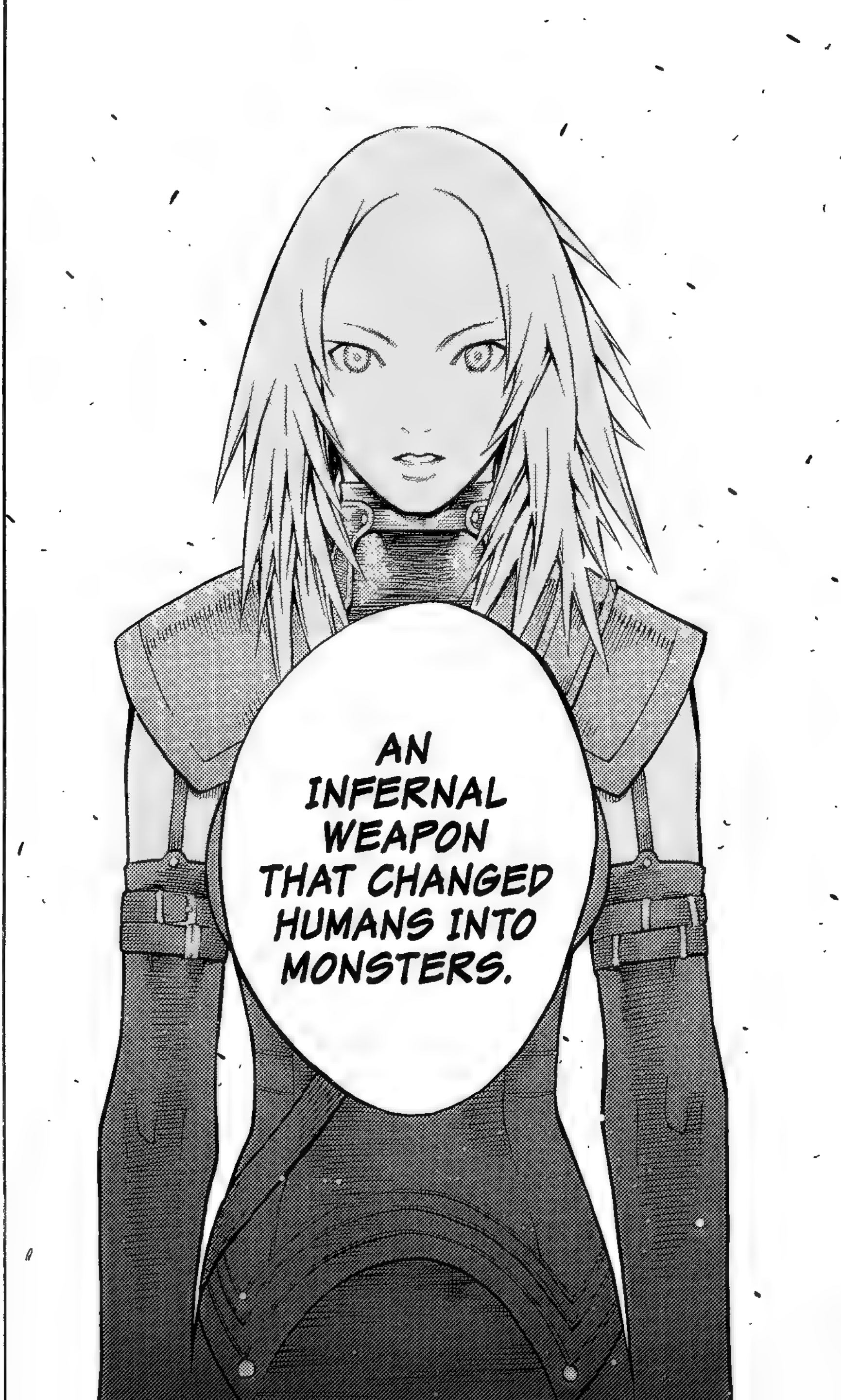
BUT THAT'S ALSO WRONG.

IT IS NOT A PEACEFUL REALM BY ANY MEANS.

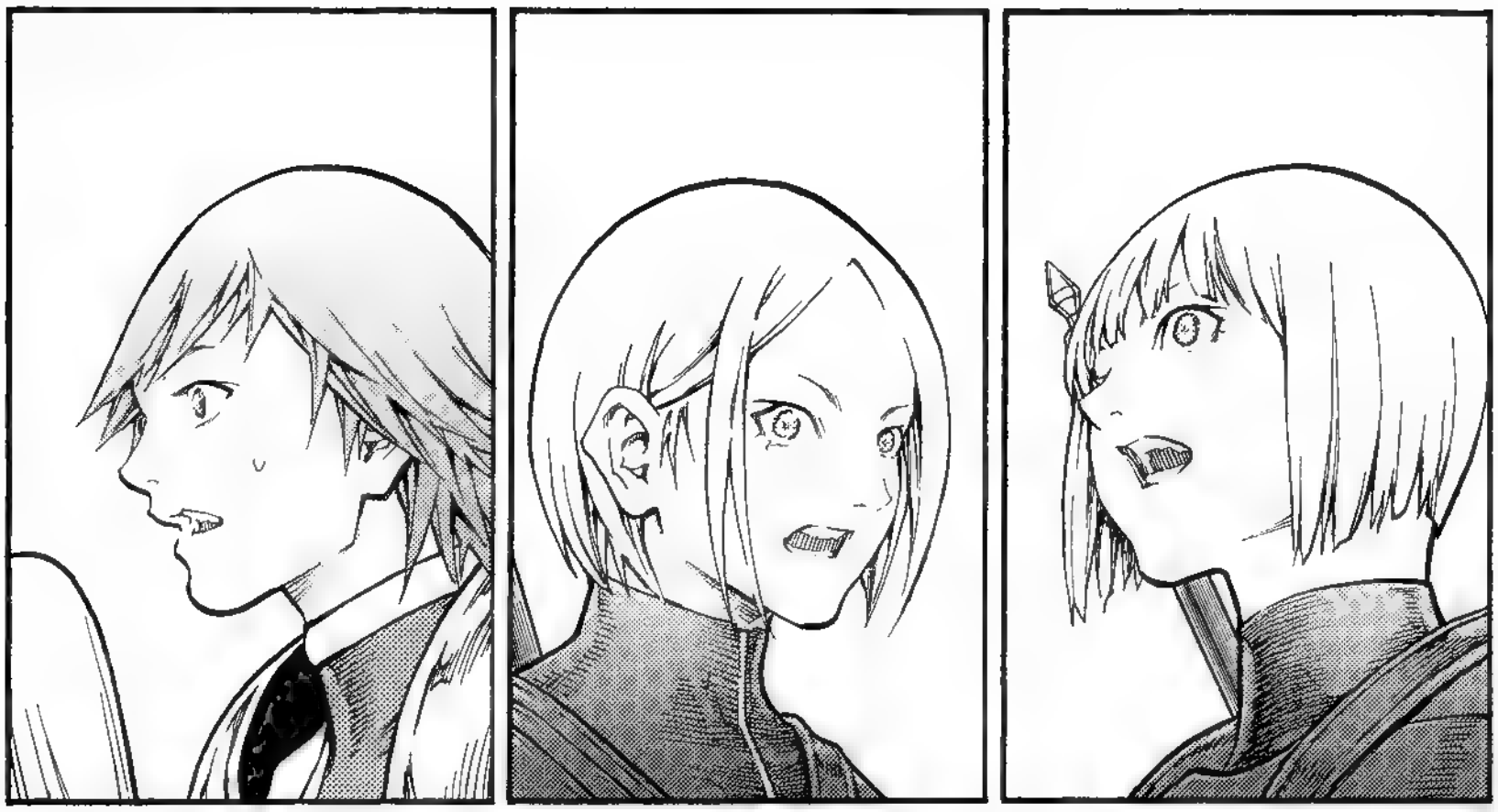
HOW-EVER ...

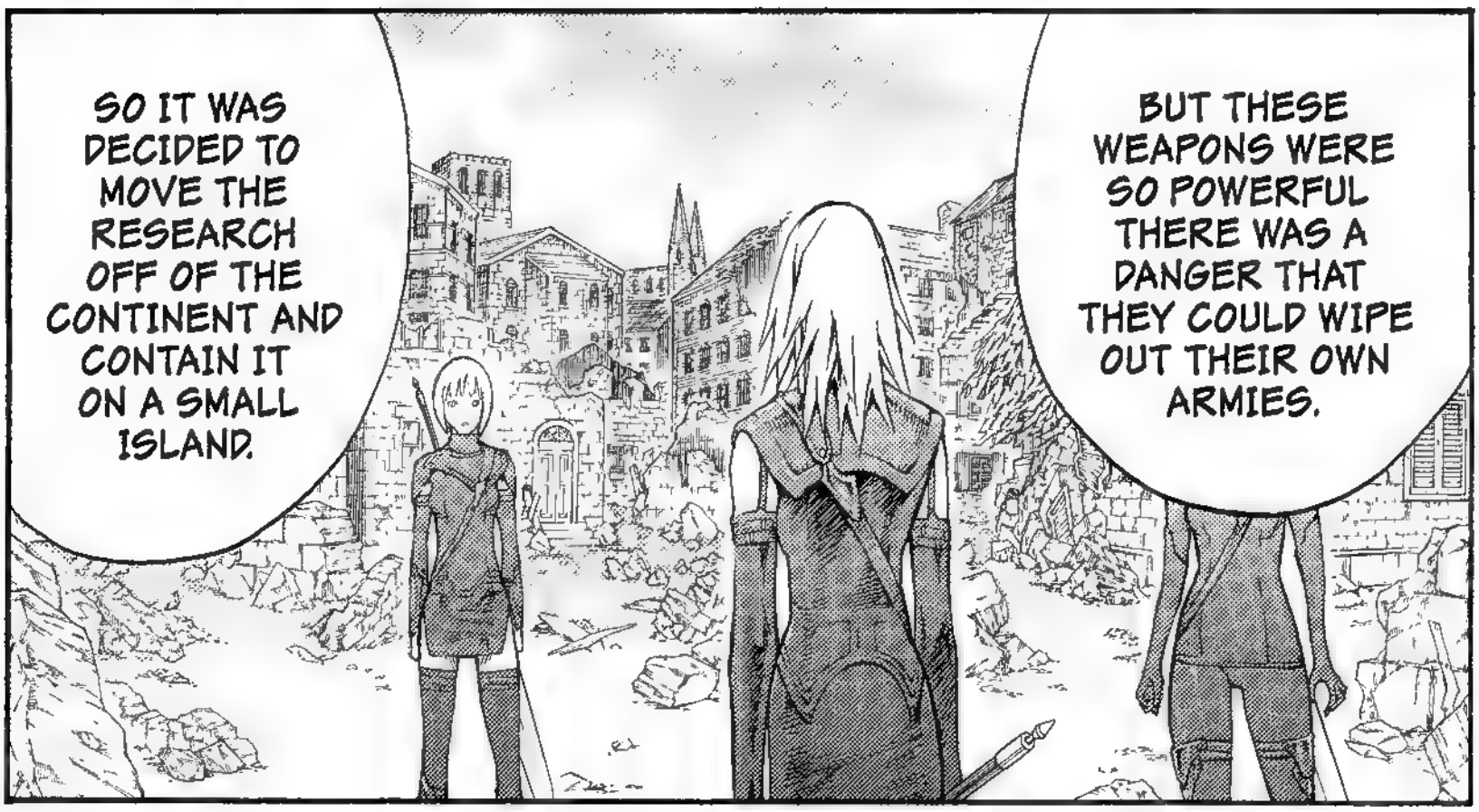
WHA ...

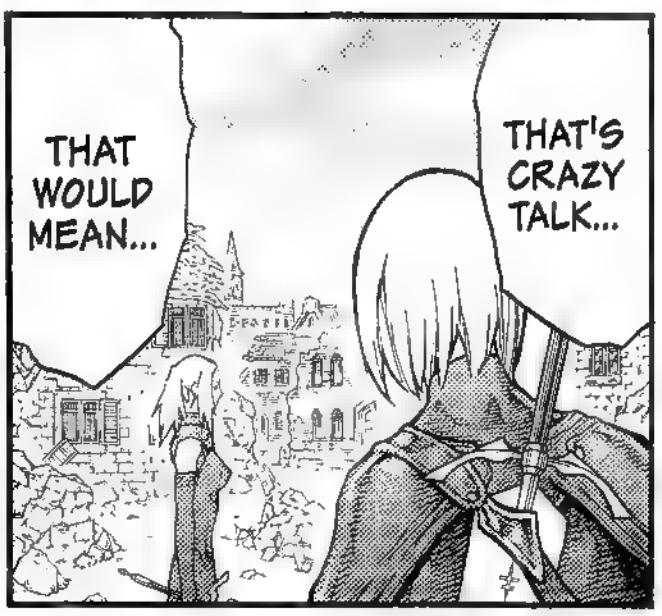

ABOUT A CENTURY AGO, ALL THE POWERS FINALLY COALESCED INTO TWO GREAT ALLIANCES THAT THEN BEGAN TO FIGHT FOR SUPREMACY.
IT'S A BLOODY LAND OF ENDLESS WARFARE BETWEEN MANY COUNTRIES AND MANY PEOPLES.
ONE WEAPON CAME INTO BEING.
...AND PRESENTLY, THEIR RESEARCH BORE FRUIT.
THEY RACED TO DEVELOP NEW WEAPONS ...
AND SO THE OTHER SIDE HAD TO INCREASE THEIR STRENGTH TO COMBAT THEM.
THEY QUICKLY TOOK THE UPPER HAND.
ONE SIDE HAD ALLIES IN A NON-HUMAN TRIBE THAT POSSESSED AN IMPENETRABLE HIDE AND WERE SAID TO BE DESCENDENTS OF DRAGONS.
IT WAS ...

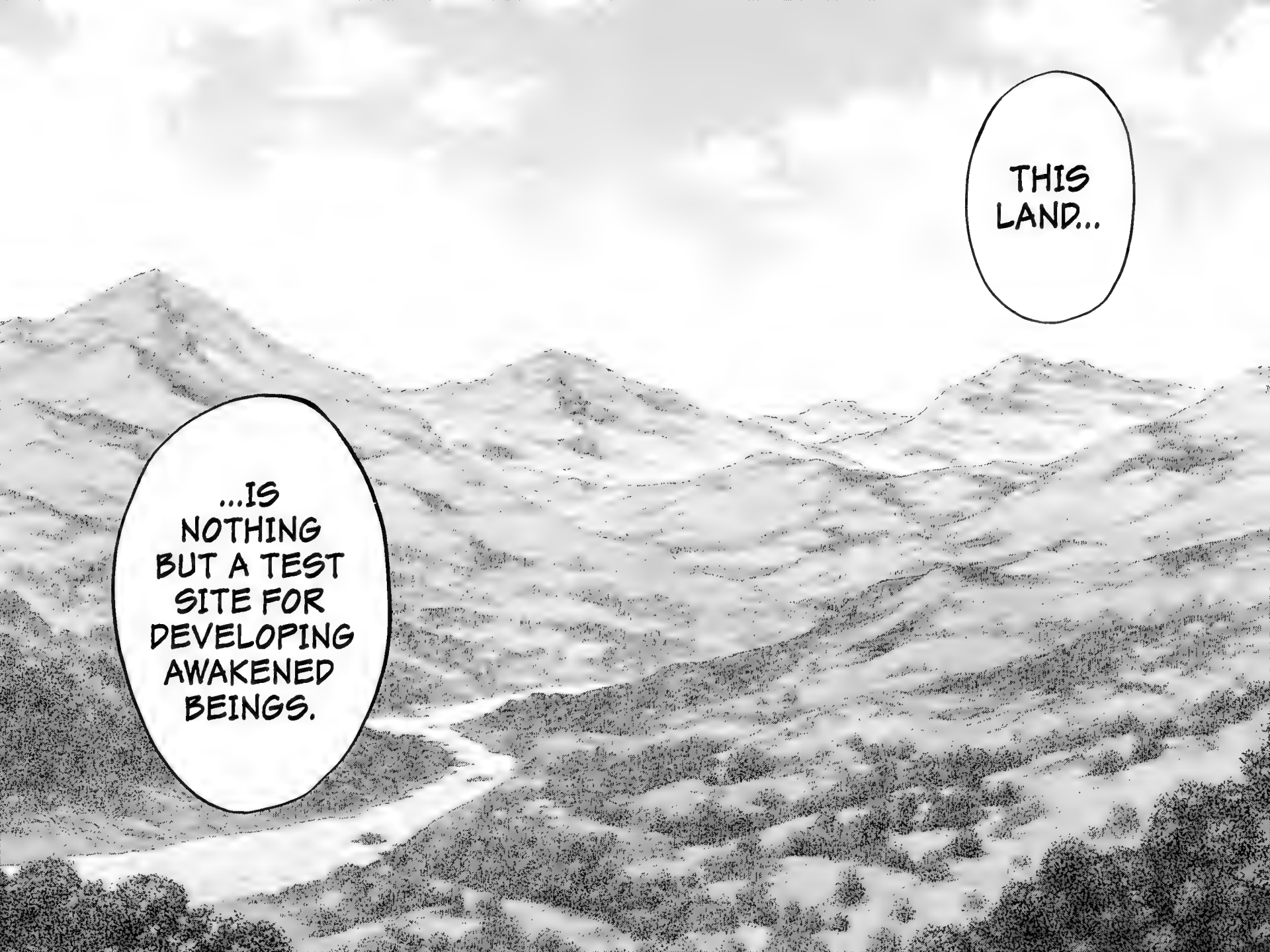

AN
INFERNAL
WEAPON
THAT CHANGED
HUMANS INTO
MONSTERS.

READ THIS WAY




SO IT WAS DECIDED TO MOVE THE RESEARCH OFF OF THE CONTINENT AND CONTAIN IT ON A SMALL ISLAND.
BUT THESE WEAPONS WERE SO POWERFUL THERE WAS A DANGER THAT THEY COULD WIPE OUT THEIR OWN ARMIES.




THIS LAND...
...IS NOTHING BUT A TEST SITE FOR DEVELOPING AWAKENED BEINGS.

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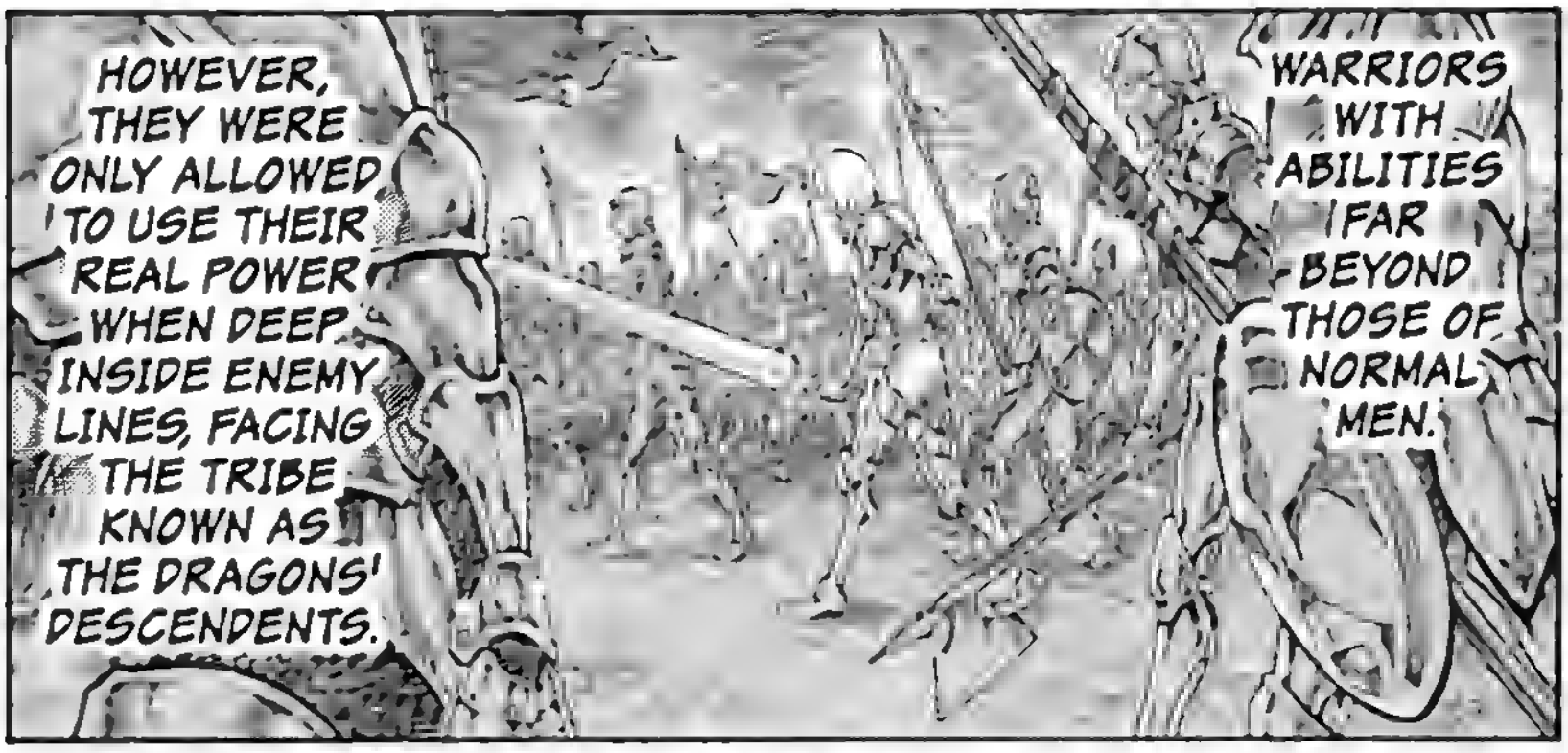
SCENE 80: GENESIS OF WAR, PART 3


HOWEVER, THEY WERE ONLY ALLOWED TO USE THEIR REAL POWER WHEN DEEP INSIDE ENEMY LINES, FACING THE TRIBE KNOWN AS THE DRAGONS' DESCENDENTS.
WARRIORS WITH ABILITIES FAR BEYOND THOSE OF NORMAL MEN.

AND SO, IN ALMOST ALL OF THE WARRIORS, THAT POWER RAN WILD THE MOMENT THEY UNLEASHED IT.

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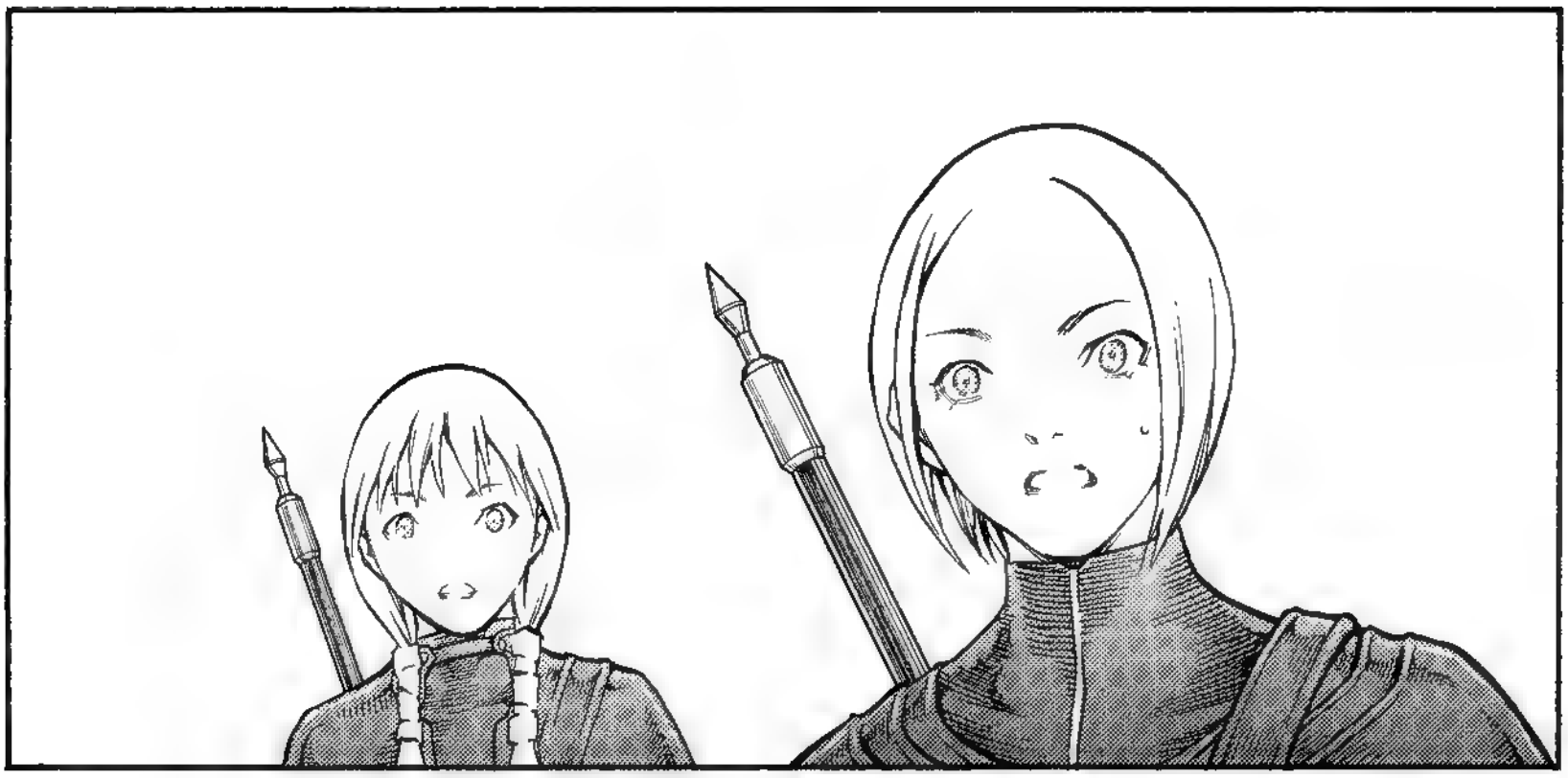
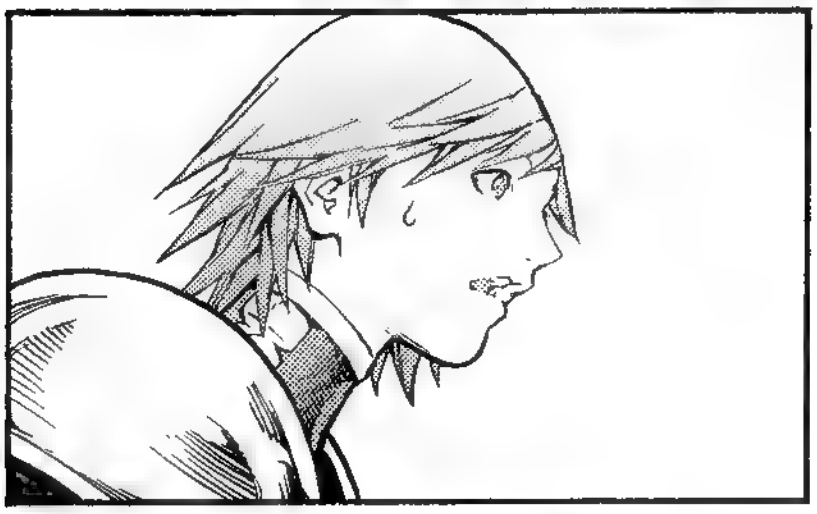
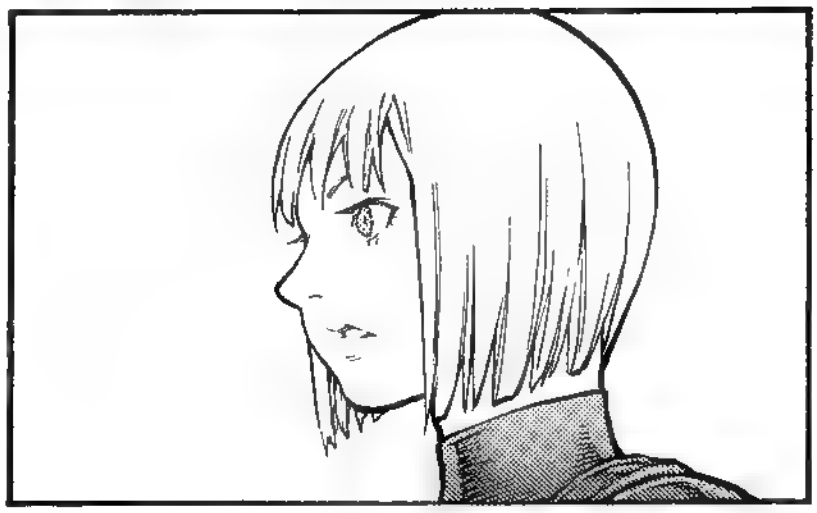
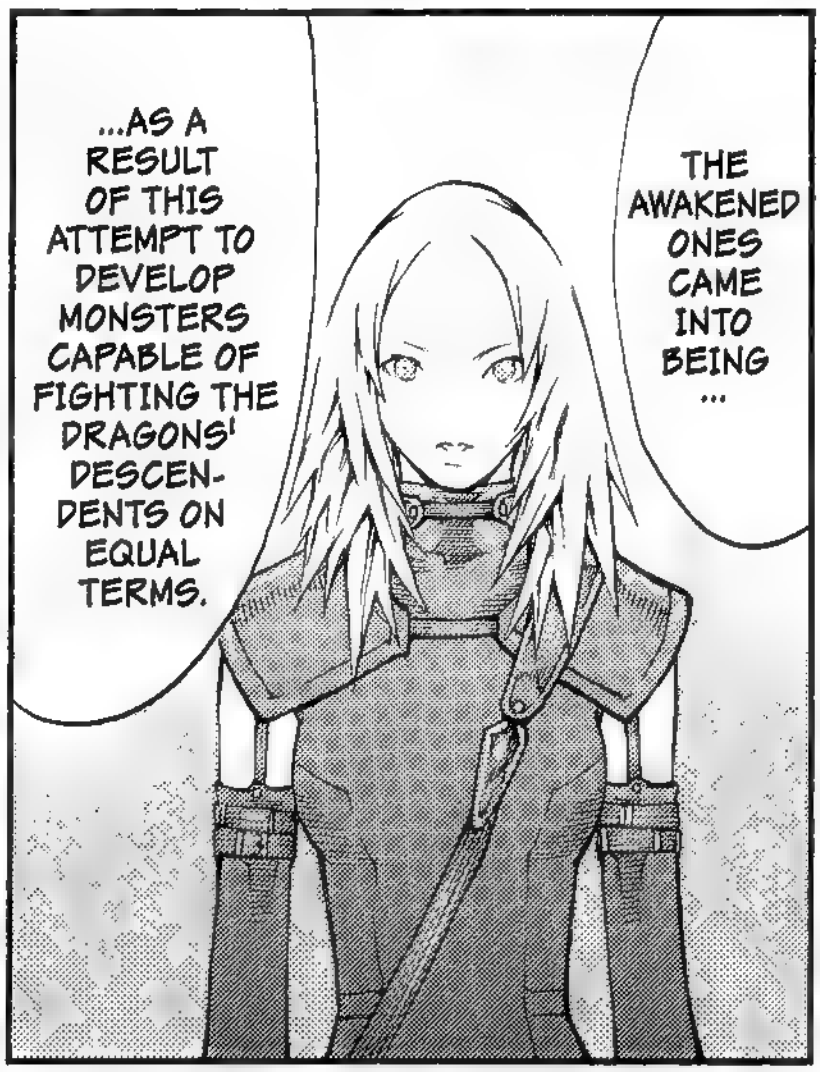
OF WAR, PART 3







AND SINCE AWAKENING CHANGED THEM TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY NO LONGER POSSESSED HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS, THEY ALSO COULDN'T RETURN TO BEING WARRIORS.
OF COURSE THEY WERE UNABLE TO RETURN TO BEING HUMAN.


...AS A RESULT OF THIS ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP MONSTERS CAPABLE OF FIGHTING THE DRAGONS' DESCENDENTS ON EQUAL TERMS.
THE AWAKENED ONES CAME INTO BEING ...

THEY HAD TO KEEP FIGHTING THE DRAGONS' DESCENDENTS UNTIL THEY PERISHED.

IN FACT, ONCE DEPLOYED THEY WEREN'T EVEN ALLOWED TO COME BACK.

KH!

...SINCE THEY WERE NOTHING BUT WEAPONS OF TOTAL DESTRUC-TION.

ACTUALLY, IF THEY HAD COME BACK IT WOULD HAVE CAUSED CHAOS ...

...MORE RESEARCH WAS NEEDED, AND SO THEY CONTINUED TO EXPERIMENT WITH MAKING AWAKENED BEINGS THEY COULD CONTROL HERE IN THIS LAND.

BE-CAUSE OF THIS...

A WARRIOR UNABLE TO CONTROL HIS POWER COULD AWAKEN TOO CLOSE TO HIS OWN FORCES.

OR HE MIGHT RETURN WOUNDED FROM AN ENEMY ENGAGEMENT AND TURN ON HIS OWN TROOPS.

OF COURSE USING AWAKENED BEINGS WASN'T WITHOUT ITS RISKS.

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... AWAKENED ONES THEY COULD CONTROL?

EXPERI-MENTS TO MAKE...

THEY WERE ABLE TO AWAKEN AND THEN RETURN TO HUMAN FORM.

ALICIA AND BETH.

...BUT THEY'RE STILL FAR FROM DEVELOPING A SOLDIER USEFUL IN ACTUAL WARFARE.

IT WAS A MILESTONE IN THEIR RESEARCH ...

BUT THEY'RE TWINS, WHICH MEANS IT'S SUCCEEDED ONLY IN A SPECIAL CASE.

AND IF AN ENEMY FOUND OUT THAT ONE OF THEM CONTROLS THE PSYCHE OF THE OTHER, IT WOULD BE AN EASY WEAKNESS TO EXPLOIT.

I HEARD THAT ALICIA AND BETH WERE COM-PLETED.

READ THIS WAY

ONE CONTROLS THE PSYCHE OF THE OTHER?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

HUH?

I WASN'T ON MY OWN.

I HAD HELP.

WHAT?

HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO GATHER SO MUCH INFOR-MATION ON YOUR OWN?

YOU'RE VERY WELL IN-FORMED.

I COMPARED WHAT I WAS TOLD TO WHAT I HAD DISCOVERED MYSELF AND FOUND NO INCONSIS-TENCIES.

I CAN'T GIVE YOU THE DETAILS, BUT I CAN CONFIRM THAT THIS INFORMATION IS ACCURATE.

...THAT I HAVE ACQUIRED IN MY INVESTI-GATION UNTIL NOW.

THIS IS ALL THE INFOR-MATION ...

I THINK I JUST HEARD SOME-THING REALLY TERRI-BLE!

I... I...

SHIVER SHIVER SHIVER

WH-WHAT SHOULD WE DO, MIATA?

!

MAMA?

SHIVER SHIVER SHIVER

READ THIS WAY

...THAT A BLIND PERSON CAN DO TO HELP?

IS THERE ANY-THING ...

...

I DON'T THINK THAT THE ORGANIZATION WILL COME FOR THEM ANY TIME SOON.

BUT IN CASE THEY DO, I WANT YOU TO USE YOUR SUPERIOR ENERGY-READING ABILITIES TO DEAL WITH IT.

I'D LIKE YOU TO STAY IN THIS TOWN AND LOOK AFTER THE DARK-HAIR AND THE YOUNG WARRIOR FOR US.

BUT I'LL TAKE THE COMPLI-MENT.

I'M NOT SURE IF THAT'S TRUE...

WHAT-EVER THE SITU-ATION, YOU SHOULD HAVE THE UPPER HAND.

NO MATTER HOW THE TIMES MAY HAVE CHANGED, I DOUBT THERE'S MUCH OF A CHANCE THAT THEY'VE DEVELOPED ANYONE OF YOUR CALIBER.

TIME TO START THE NEGOTI-ATIONS WITH THE CITY.

NOW FOR THE ANNOYING PART.

WELL ...

READ THIS WAY

BWA HA HA HA!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A CITY EVER GAVE US DRINKS FOR SAVING 'EM!

I LIKE THIS TOWN!

I DIDN'T THINK CLAY-MORES COULD GET DRUNK.

INTER-ESTING ...

HEY!

YOU DRINKIN', DENEVE?

WHUMP

AND IT'S GOOD BOOZE TOO!

YES, I AM.

IT'S ALL A MATTER OF PER-SONAL CHOICE.

WHETHER OR NOT WE GET DRUNK...

CON-VERSELY, WE CAN ALSO CHOOSE TO LET THE ALCOHOL ENTER OUR BLOOD-STREAM.

WE HALF-HUMAN, HALF-YOMA CAN ELIMINATE ALCOHOL AND POISONS FROM OUR SYSTEMS AT WILL.

BUT IT SEEMS I HAVE A TOLER-ANCE FOR IT.

HALF OF IT.

ARE YOU LETTING THE ALCOHOL INTO YOUR BLOOD?

SO WHAT ABOUT YOU THEN?

...SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO WRAP HER MIND AROUND IT.

AFTER HEAR-ING ALL THAT ...

SHE'S DROWN-ING HER SOR-ROWS.

HELEN'S SURE HAVING FUN.

READ THIS WAY

IT'S THE REASON I INSISTED THAT WE COME TO THIS TOWN.

ACTUALLY, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU TWO.

TU NK

"RAKI," WASN'T IT?

IT'S ABOUT THE KID WHO WAS WITH YOU LAST TIME.

YEAH, HE CAME THROUGH HERE.

YOU MEAN ...

HOW DID YOU ...?

JUST ABOUT A YEAR AGO, I THINK.

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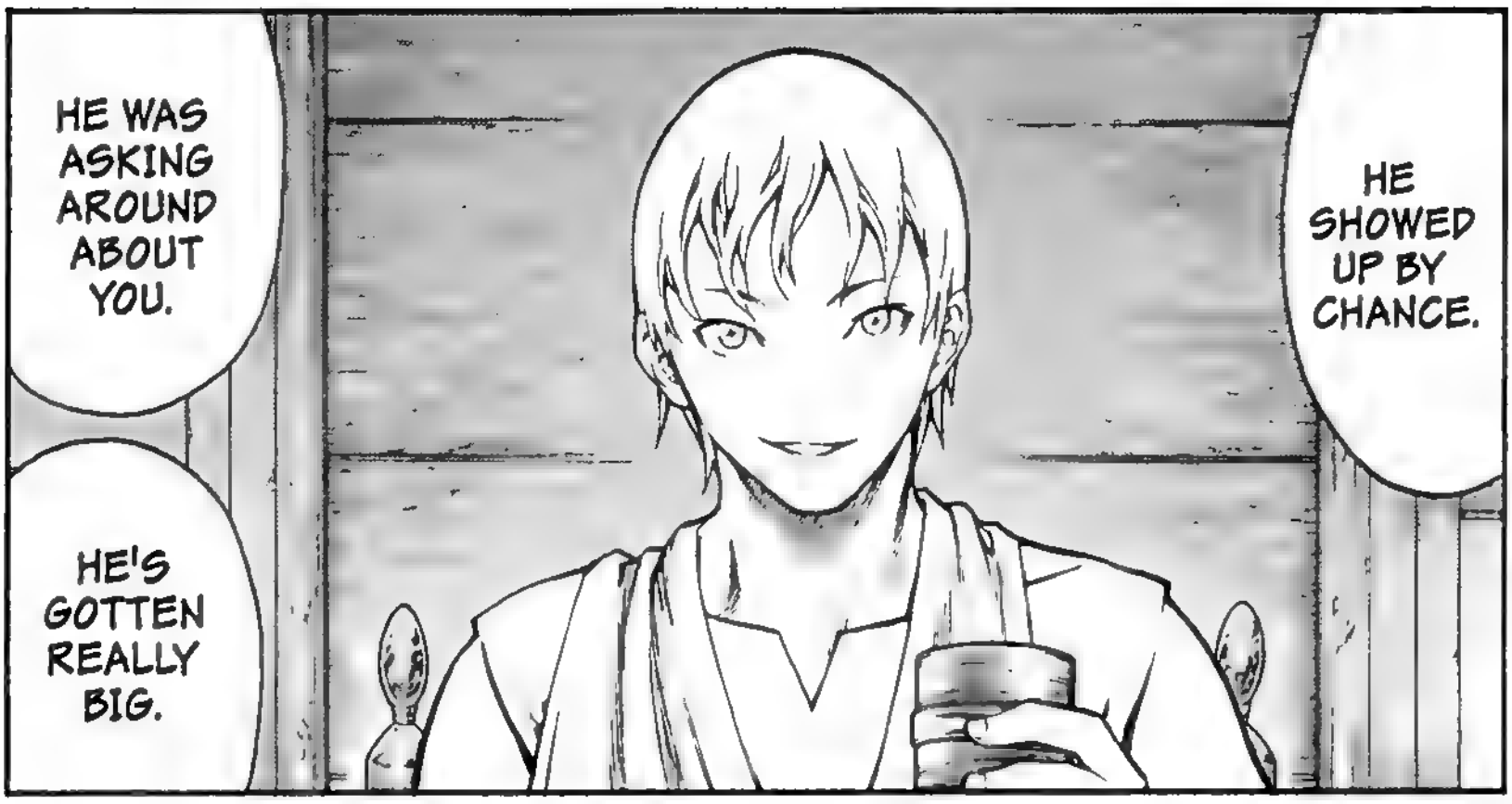
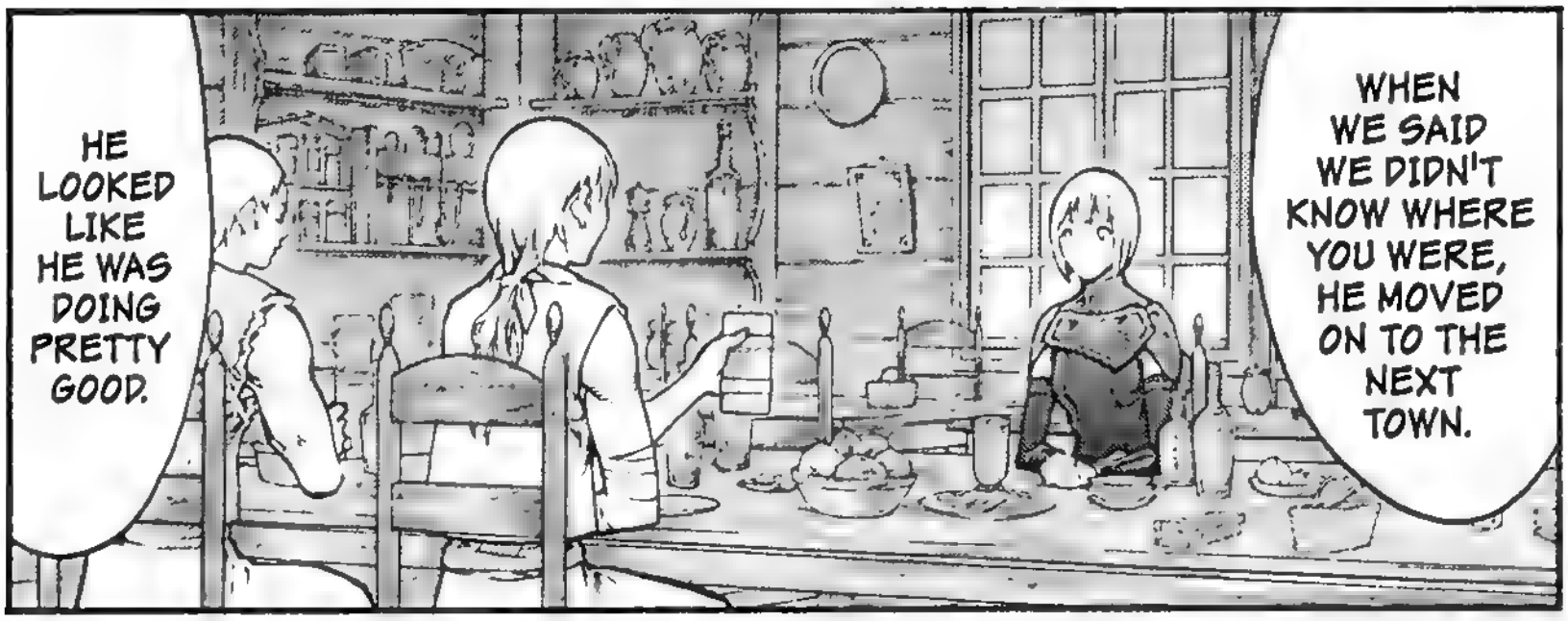

HE WAS ASKING AROUND ABOUT YOU.
HE'S GOTTEN REALLY BIG.
HE SHOWED UP BY CHANCE.


HE LOOKED LIKE HE WAS DOING PRETTY GOOD.
WHEN WE SAID WE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE YOU WERE, HE MOVED ON TO THE NEXT TOWN.

HARD TO BELIEVE ...
HE'S REALLY STILL ALIVE?
HUH? WHO?

SO YOU'RE STILL ALIVE...
RAKI.
I SEE ...

READ THIS WAY

!

JUST LIKE YOU DID, BACK THEN.

HE HAD A LITTLE KID WITH HIM.

WHEN I ASKED IF SHE WAS HIS, HE JUST SHOOK HIS HEAD AND SAID RELATIVES HAD LEFT HER WITH HIM.

A GIRL.

SOUNDS LIKE THE STORY'S GETTIN' COMPLI-CATED.

HEY, HEY ...

A LITTLE ...

... GIRL ...

BUT IT SEEMED LIKE HE DIDN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT...

SO I LET IT DROP.

IT SOUNDED LIKE A LIE...

HE'S A FULL-GROWN MAN NOW...

AND HE'S PROBABLY BEEN THROUGH A LOT.

WELL, IT HAS BEEN SEVEN YEARS SINCE YOU SHOWED UP.

...THAT HE WAS GOING AROUND TO ALL THE TOWNS YOU TWO PASSED THROUGH.

HE DID SAY...

!

WE DIDN'T ASK WHERE HE WAS GOING ...

...BUT WHEN HE LEFT HERE HE WAS HEADED WEST.

FROM HERE ...

WEST ...

YOU'RE BOTH STILL ALIVE.

YOU'RE BOUND TO MEET AGAIN.

READ THIS WAY

HYOOO

OOOOO

YOU THERE ...

O-OI...

TRAV-ELER...

!

CREAK

CREAK

CREAK

...BUT YOU OUGHTN'T HEAD TO THAT VILLAGE THERE.

DON'T MEAN TO MEDDLE ...

WHY?

DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?

DURN IT.

IT'S JES' LIKE SEVEN YEARS AGO...

CREAK

CREAK

CREAK

GOD HELP 'EM ...

WHAP

IT'S A YOMA, I TELL YA, A YOMA!

ONE OF 'EM SHOWED UP IN THE VILLAGE!

A YOMA, HUH?

READ THIS WAY

HE STOLE MY WAGON!

THAT MEANS HE MUST'VE RUN OUTTA TOWN LAST NIGHT!

DAMN THAT GARM!

DAMN!

HOW MANY YOMA HAVE TO BE KILLED BEFORE THEY'RE ALL GONE?!

GRAB

WE DID THE SAME THING SEVEN YEARS AGO!

WHAT'RE YOU YELLING AT ME FOR?

WE NEED EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN TO CONTRIBUTE MONEY FOR A CLAYMORE!

HUH?

ARE WE GONNA LET HIM GET AWAY WITH RUNNING OUT ON US LIKE THAT?

HYOOO

THIS TOWN HAS SURE GONE TO HELL.

DOESN'T LOOK ANY-THING LIKE IT USED TO.

TOMP

HEY, YOU.

WE GOT NO TIME TO DEAL WITH STRANG-ERS.

GET LOST.

HUH?

READ THIS WAY

...

KNOW WHICH ONE IT IS?

EH?

WHAT?

WHAT IS IT?

POK

SHF...

HEY, YOU!

DIDN'TYA HEAR WHAT HE SAID?

RSTLE

RSTLE

TMP

I'M GOING TO PUT YOU DOWN FOR A BIT.

THIS WON'T TAKE LONG.

OKAY, GOT IT.

SHA
AK
SHING
LET'S GO.
RIGHT.

VSSH

A BROAD-SWORD?

WH...

WW

SSH

SKA

SSH

!!!

AAGH!

AH ...

THUD

WHO IS THIS GUY?!

HE CUT LERO!

A BANDIT?

HE CUT HIM!

WS

SH

WHO

OSH

SHEEN

AAAGH!

WW

S

H

WHAT?!

!

SHUP

DO

GRAAH!!

OW

!

KIN KIN KIN

GASHA GASHA

SWOO

SH

KYAA!

ZZSSSH

!!

thuk
I SHOULD RU—

WHAT IS HE?
HE'S LIKE A CLAY-MORE.

KA
WH
OK

GRAB

WHA?!

DO

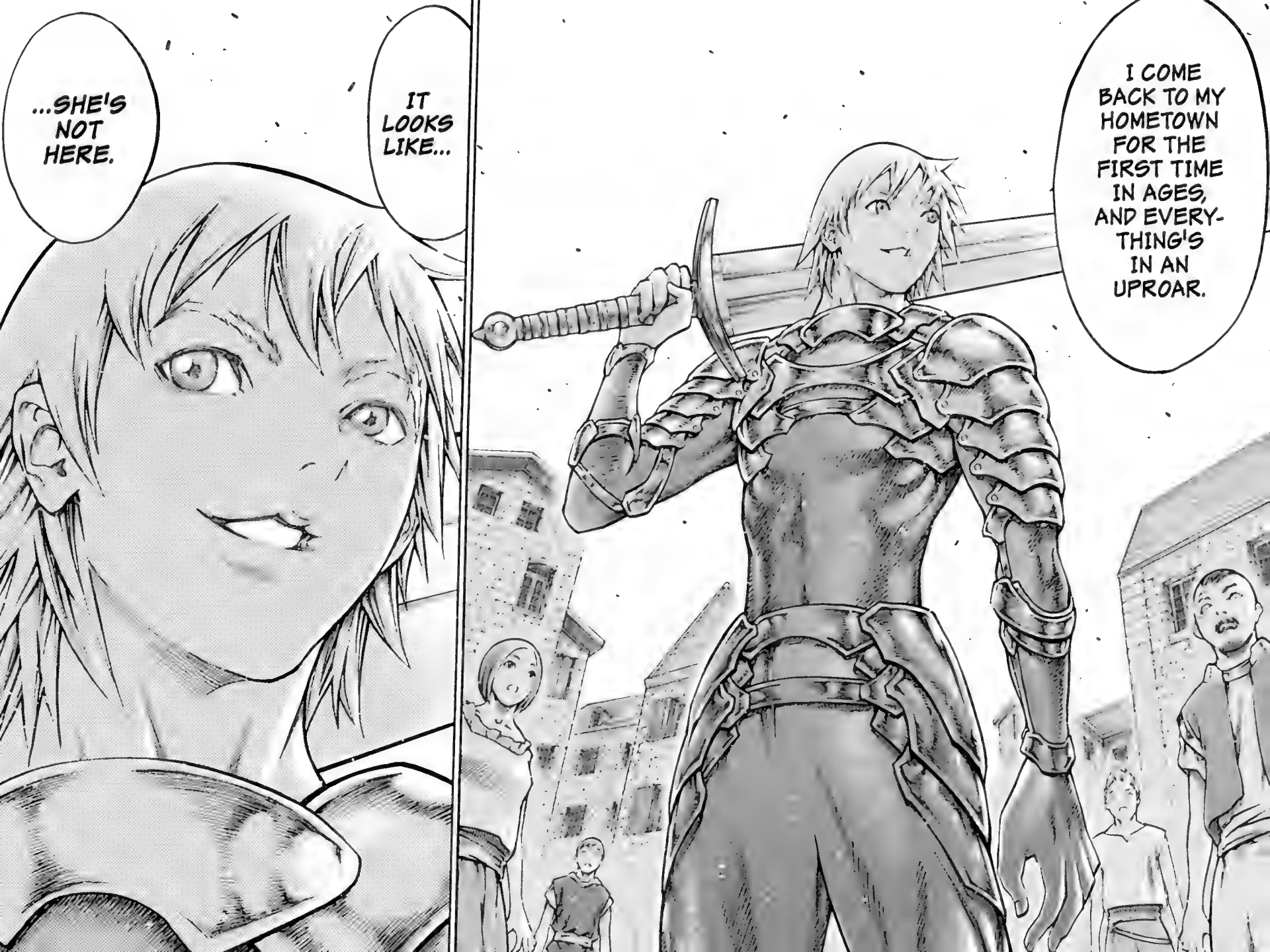
SHAA

HE'S NOT A CLAYMORE, BUT HE TOOK DOWN A YOMA?!

CAN'T BE.

IT'S... A MAN?

GA SHAK


...SHE'S NOT HERE.
IT LOOKS LIKE...
I COME BACK TO MY HOMETOWN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AGES, AND EVERY-THING'S IN AN UPROAR.

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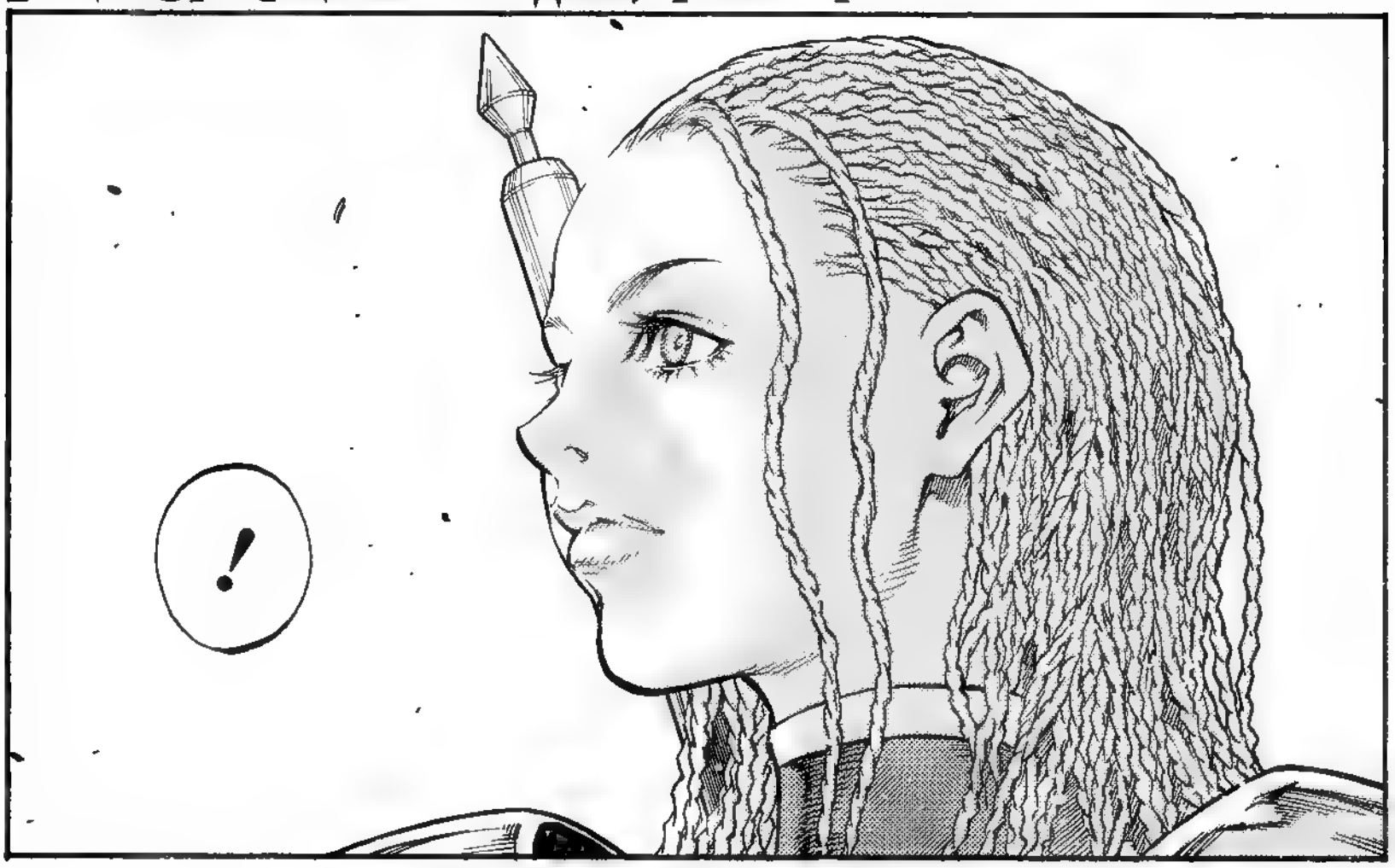
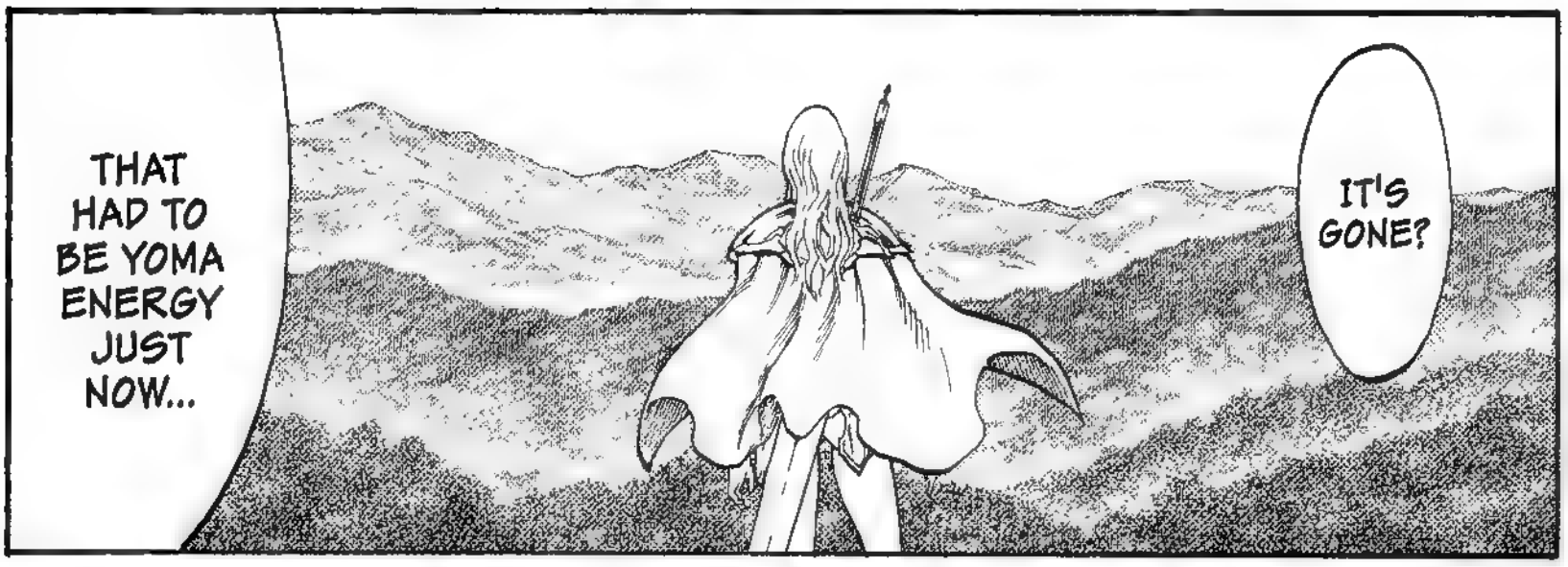
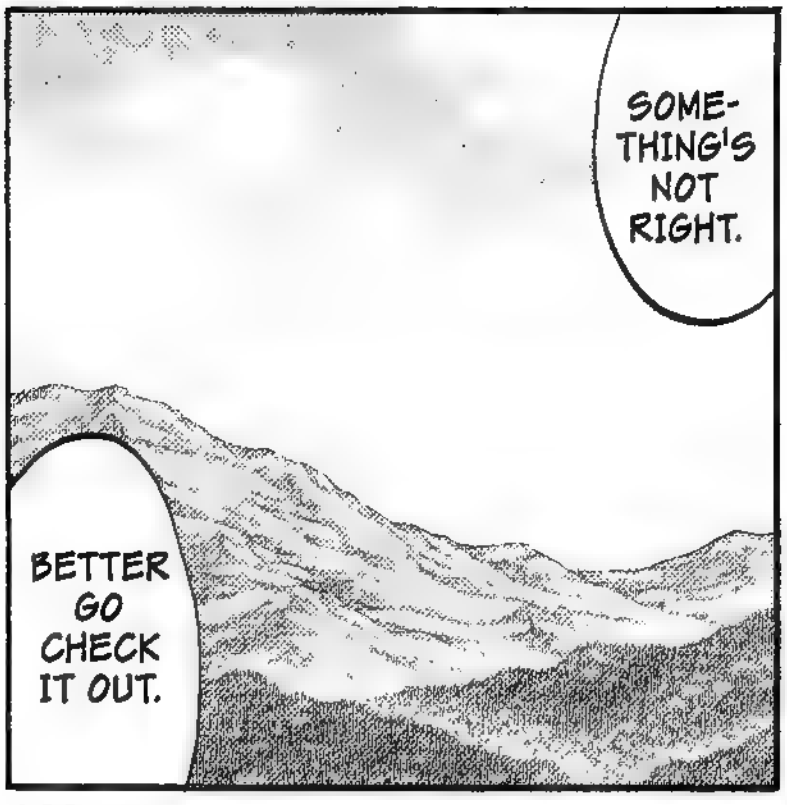
Scene 81: Genesis of War, Part 4







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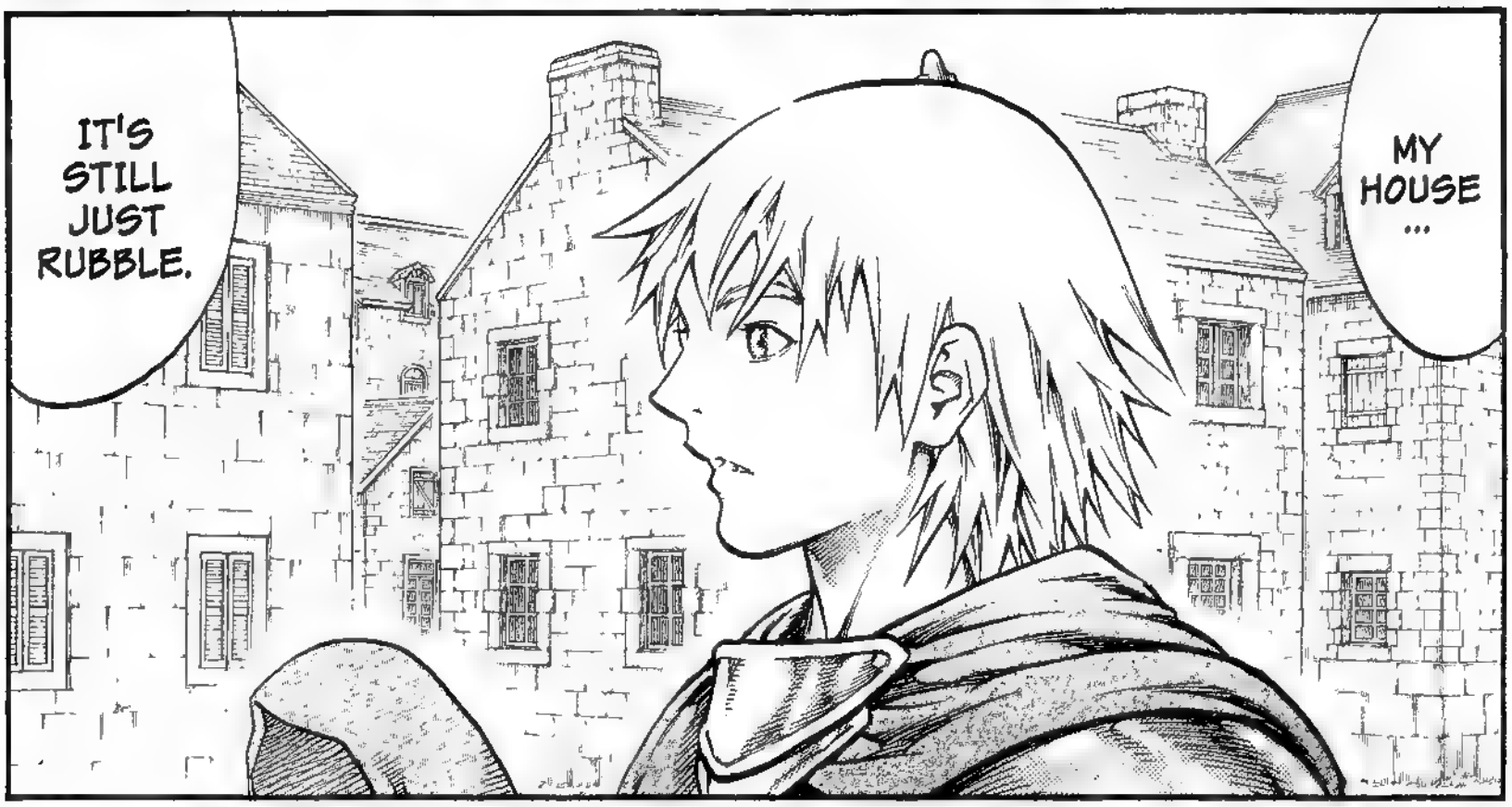
IT'S STILL JUST RUBBLE.
MY HOUSE ...

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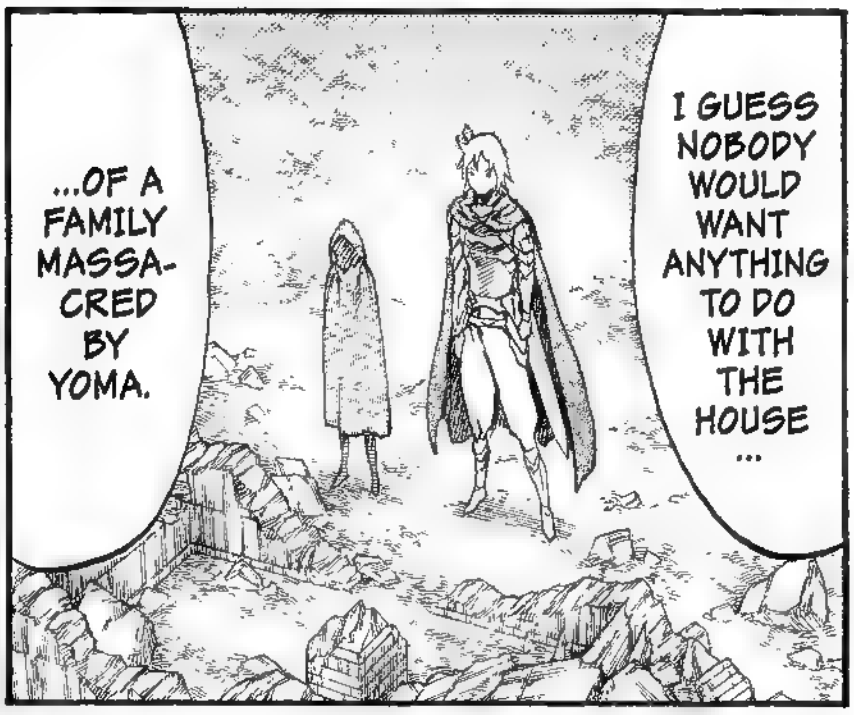
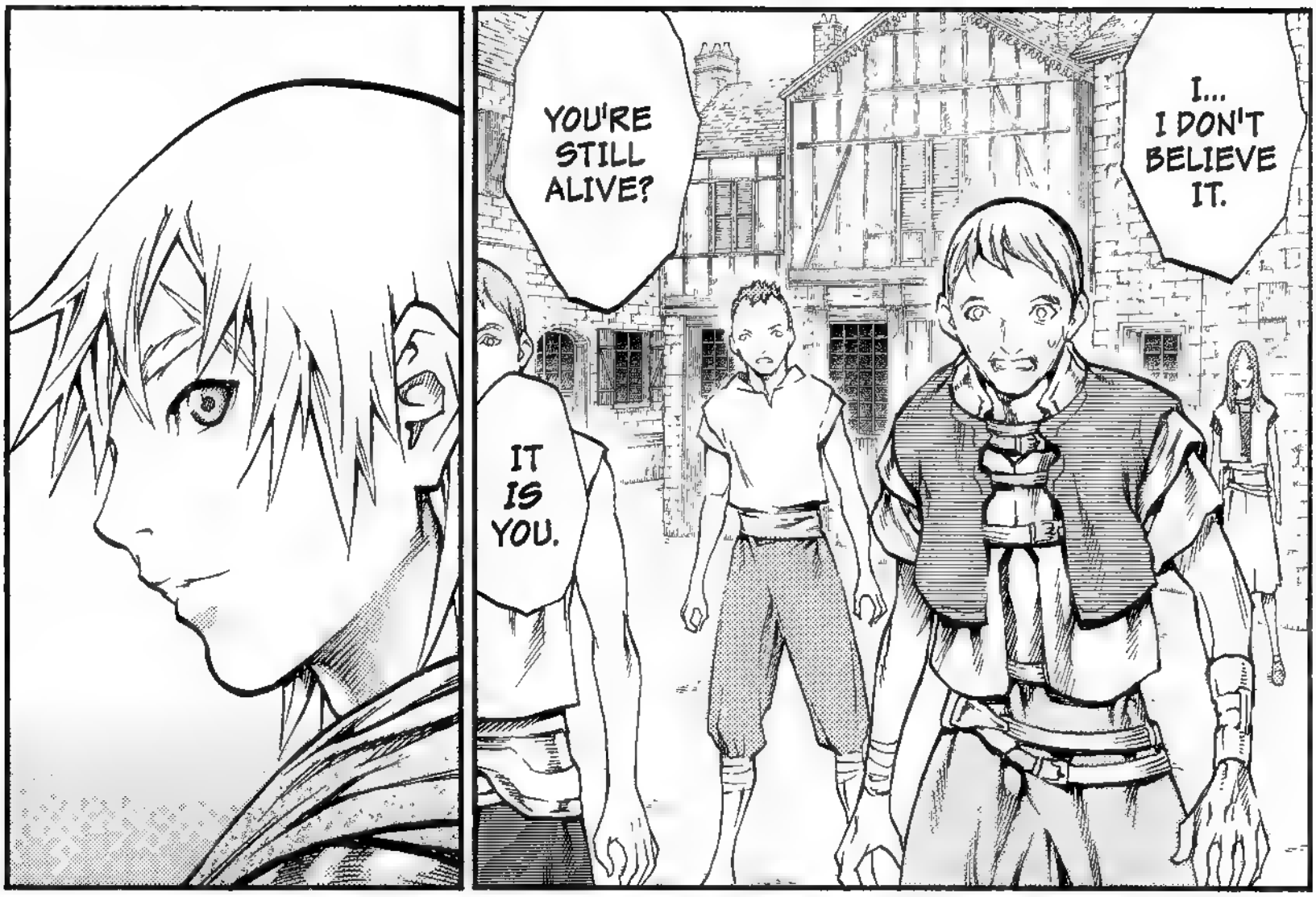
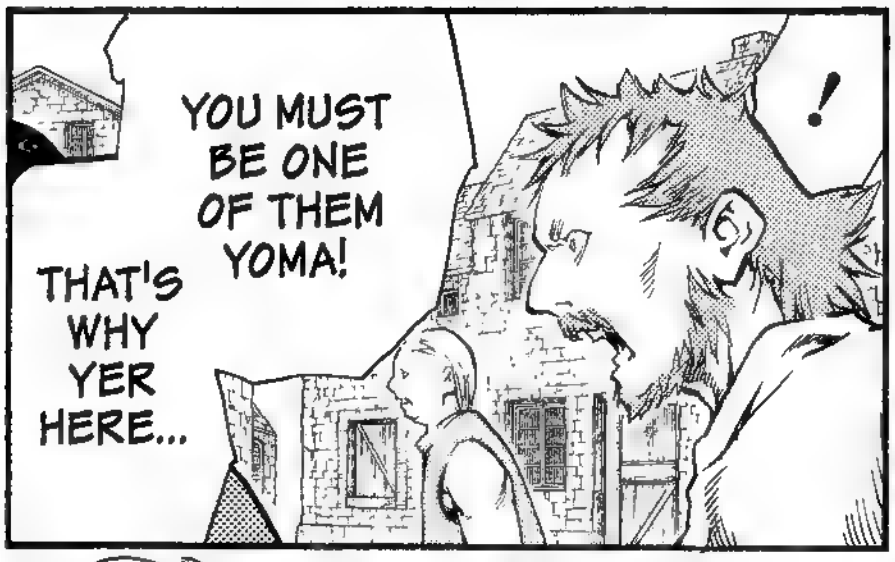
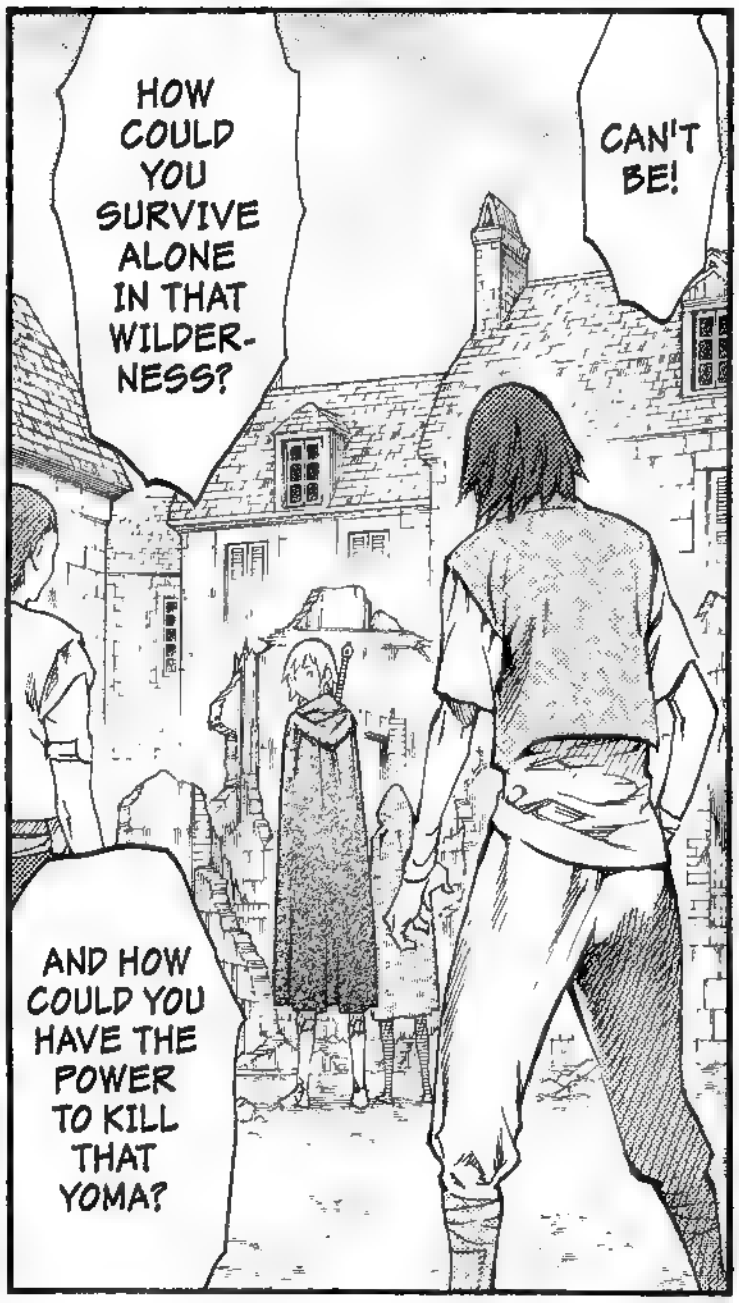
RAKI ...
IS THAT YOU?


...OF A FAMILY MASSA-CRED BY YOMA.
I GUESS NOBODY WOULD WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE HOUSE ...

READ THIS WAY







GRAH!

LOOK, I KNOW GETTING ATTACKED BY YOMA OVER AND OVER CAN DRIVE YOU CRAZY...

BUT YOU GOTTA CALM DOWN, OKAY?

ARE YOU AWAKE NOW?

WHA...

...

AND WHY WOULD I SHOW MYSELF IN FRONT OF EVERYONE IN THE TOWN?

THINK ABOUT IT. IF I WERE A YOMA, WHY WOULD I WANT WANT TO KILL ANOTHER ONE?

...I WOULD HAVE STARTED TEARING THROUGH THE WHOLE VILLAGE, RIGHT?

IF I WERE A YOMA, THEN THE MOMENT MY COVER WAS BLOWN ...

SEVEN YEARS AGO I LOST MY FAMILY TO THE YOMA.

BUT I GET THE FEELING THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE LOST SOME-THING IN YOUR HEARTS ...

SINCE I WAS THROWN OUT BEFORE I WASN'T EXACTLY EXPECTING A WARM WELCOME, BUT...

TREAT-ING ME LIKE A YOMA? THAT'S COLD.

...

UH ...

TH

WUK

!

!

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO KILLED IT?

THIS YOMA.

AS IF IT HAD BEEN DONE WITH ONE SMOOTH STROKE FROM A LARGE, HEAVY BLADE.

THE EDGES OF THE CUT WERE CLEAN AND STRAIGHT.

THAT BROAD-SWORD COULD DO IT.

LIKE THE ONE ON YOUR BACK, FOR EXAMPLE.

IT IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL FOR A HUMAN TO BE ABLE TO PERCEIVE ONE.

THAT'S THE MAIN REASON WHY WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN DISPOSE OF YOMA.

IT'S NOT UNUSUAL THAT A HUMAN COULD POSSESS THE STRENGTH AND SKILL NECESSARY TO CUT DOWN A YOMA. HOWEVER...

BUT WHY?

WAS THERE ALREADY A RE-QUEST?

THIS TIME IT'S THE REAL THING.

A CLAY-MORE?

HOW DID YOU RECOG-NIZE THE YOMA?

SO HOW DID YOU DO IT?

GA SHAK

THAT GUY LOOKED SUSPICIOUS, SO I PROVOKED HIM AND HE REVEALED HIMSELF.

JUST LUCKY, I GUESS.

WARRIORS AREN'T ALLOWED TO LAY A HAND ON NORMAL PEOPLE.

LET GO, PLEASE.

YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT CRAP?

DON'T MESS WITH ME.

READ THIS WAY

SHHF

LISTEN, BOY...

!

GRIP

YOU DON'T WANT TO GET HURT.

BACK OFF, KID.

... BOTHERING RAKI?

ARE YOU ...

WHA—?

THROB...

SHIVER

ARE YOU...

...BOTHERING RAKI?

BA

BAM

HOW COULD I...

NO WAY ...

NOT HAVE NOTICED UNTIL NOW?

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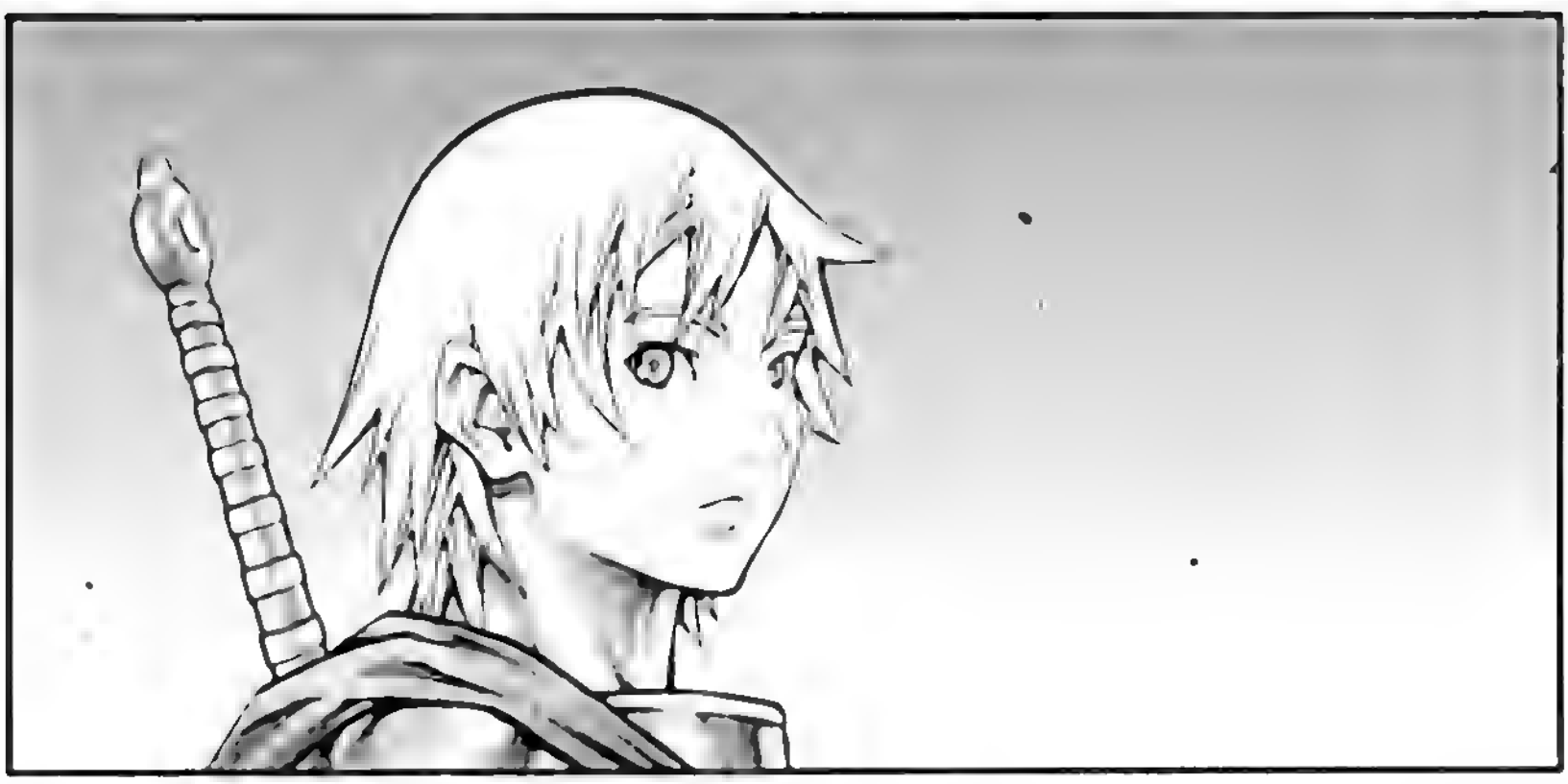
YOU BASTARD ...

ARE YOU CRAZY?

...IS THAT THING YOU'VE GOT WITH YOU?
WHAT THE HELL ...



READ THIS WAY

TMP

NO, IT'S OKAY.

SHHH

KILL?

WHAT IS HE SAY-ING?

KILL WHO?

...

SHIVER

THERE'S NO NEED TO KILL HER.

SHE'S NOT AN ENEMY.

A WARRIOR NAMED CLARE. DO YOU KNOW HER?

NUMBER 47 IN THE ORGANI-ZATION.

HEY, CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?

!

WE DON'T GO AROUND SPILLING IT TO COMMON PEOPLE.

OF COURSE NOT. ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING WARRIORS IS CONFI-DENTIAL TO THE ORGANI-ZATION.

I'VE ASKED EVERY WARRIOR I'VE MET ON MY TRAVELS.

BUT NONE OF THEM WILL TELL ME ANY-THING.

READ THIS WAY

BUT I THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE THE CASE. I GUESS THE ONLY THING I CAN DO IS KEEP GOING FROM TOWN TO TOWN LOOKING FOR HER.

I SEE. THAT'S TOO BAD.

JUST BECAUSE I CAN'T STAND THE IDEA OF YOU TAKING THAT THING ALL OVER THE PLACE WITH YOU.

I'LL GIVE YOU ONE CLUE.

FINE ...

...

ALSO, IF ANY OF THE CURRENT WARRIORS STARTED OUT THAT LOW AND SURVIVED LONG ENOUGH TO RISE UP THE RANKS, THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF TALK ABOUT HER. BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD ANY-THING LIKE THAT.

I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT SHE'S NO LONGER IN THE ORGANI-ZATION.

!

RIGHT NOW THERE IS DEFINITELY NO WARRIOR IN THE ORGANI-ZATION WITH THAT NAME.

NUMBER 47 IS THE LOWEST RANK IN THE ORGANI-ZATION.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR CONNECTION TO HER IS, BUT SEARCHING FOR HER NOW IS USELESS. GIVE IT UP.

IN OTHER WORDS, SHE MUST BE DEAD.

!

I UNDER-STAND. I KNOW YOU'RE NOT LYING.

IF THE CURRENT NUMBER 47 IS SOMEONE ELSE, THEN CLARE ISN'T THERE.

BUT SHE MADE ME A PROMISE. SHE SAID...

"I WON'T DIE. I'LL LIVE, AND I'LL FIND YOU."

I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH!

WHY ARE YOU SMIL-ING?

WARRIORS ARE REPLACED ALL THE TIME, ESPECIALLY THE LOWER RANKS. IT'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO SURVIVE FOR VERY LONG.

READ THIS WAY

CLARE ISN'T DEAD.

SHE'S STILL ALIVE, AND SHE'S STILL LOOKING FOR ME.

AND I BELIEVE HER.

YOU'RE TALKING NON-SENSE.

THAT'S INSANE.

...

RENÉE.

NUMBER 6.

I'M RAKI.

SAY ... WHAT'S YOUR NAME, ANY-WAY?

TELL HER I'M ALIVE.

AND THAT WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOON.

WELL, IF YOU RUN ACROSS THAT FORMER NUMBER 47, CLARE, WOULD YOU GIVE HER A MESSAGE FOR ME?

...I HAVE ONE LAST QUESTION FOR YOU.

THOUGH IT'S REALLY NONE OF MY BUSINESS AT THIS POINT...

!

...I DOUBT THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.

GASHAK

SORRY, BUT...

HMM.

READ THIS WAY

...EAT PEOPLE'S ...?

DOES THAT THING WITH YOU...

BUT I THINK SHE'S REACH-ING HER LIMITS.

THAT'S PROBABLY WHY HER BODY KEEPS GETTING SMALLER.

!

SINCE THEN, SHE HASN'T EATEN A SINGLE THING.

IT'S BEEN SEVERAL YEARS SINCE I STARTED TRAVELING WITH THIS GIRL.

AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THE FIRST THING SHE'LL PROBABLY DO IS EAT ME.

WHEN THE TIME COMES, I'LL USE ALL MY STRENGTH TO TRY AND STOP HER. BUT I'LL ALMOST CERTAINLY FAIL.

YEAH, I KNOW IT'S KINDA STUPID.

BUT THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS.

WHY WOULD YOU—

ARE YOU SOME KIND OF IDIOT?

YOU ...

READ THIS WAY

BECAUSE SHE LET ME STAY WITH HER, IT MADE ME WANT TO BE LIKE HER, EVEN IF JUST A LITTLE.

WHEN I WAS THROWN OUT OF THIS VILLAGE AND HAD NO-WHERE TO TURN, CLARE HAD NO GOOD REASON TO HELP ME. BUT SHE DID.

THE BEST THING FOR YOU WOULD BE TO STAY THIS BLISS-FULLY NUTS UNTIL YOU DIE.

SHAK

THIS TALK IS POINT-LESS.

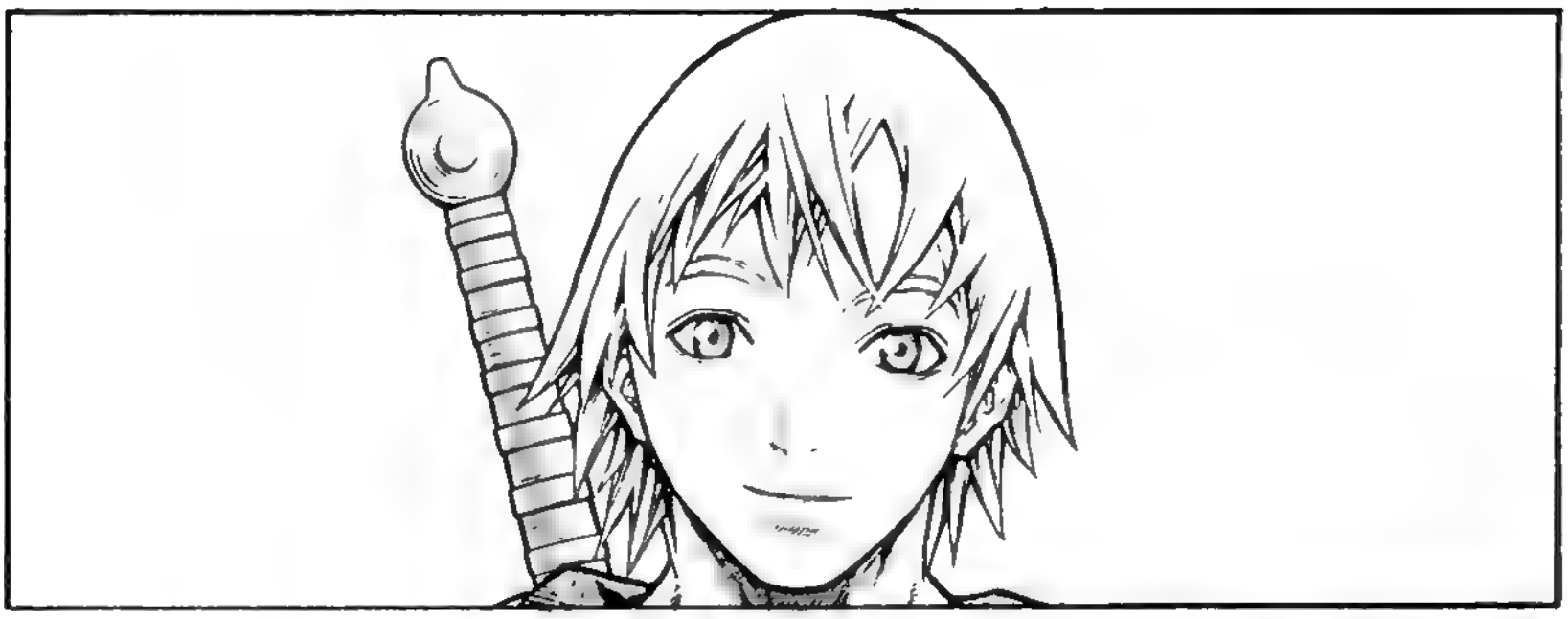
BUT I CAN DO THAT MUCH.

THE CHANCES ARE A MILLION TO ONE.

!

...I'LL GIVE HER YOUR MES-SAGE.

IF I SEE THIS "CLARE" PERSON ...



THANKS.
I OWE YOU.

ON TO THE NEXT TOWN.
WE'D BETTER GET GOING TOO.

NOW THEN ...
Pat
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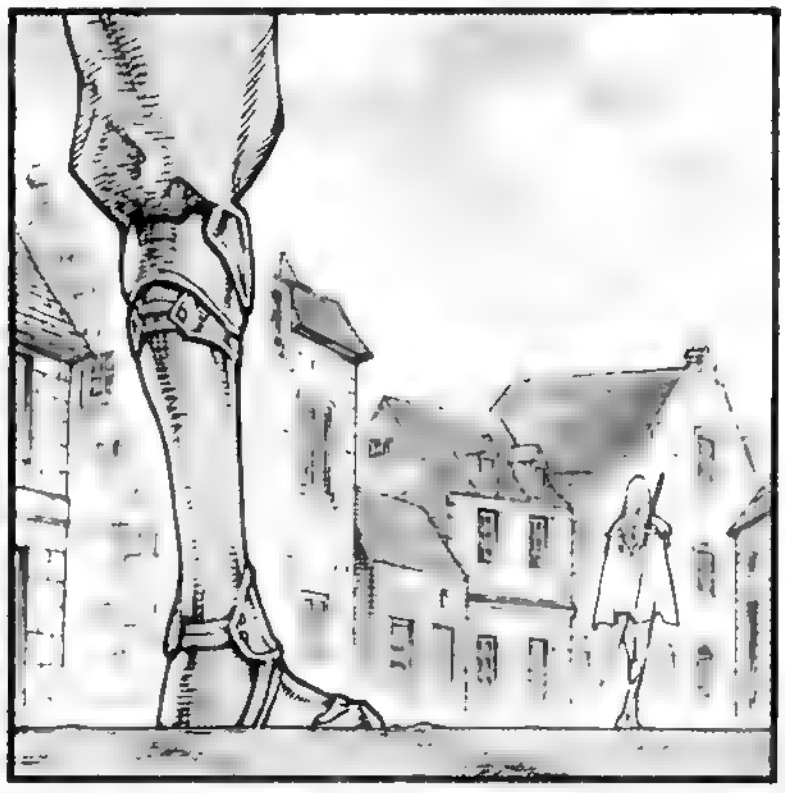


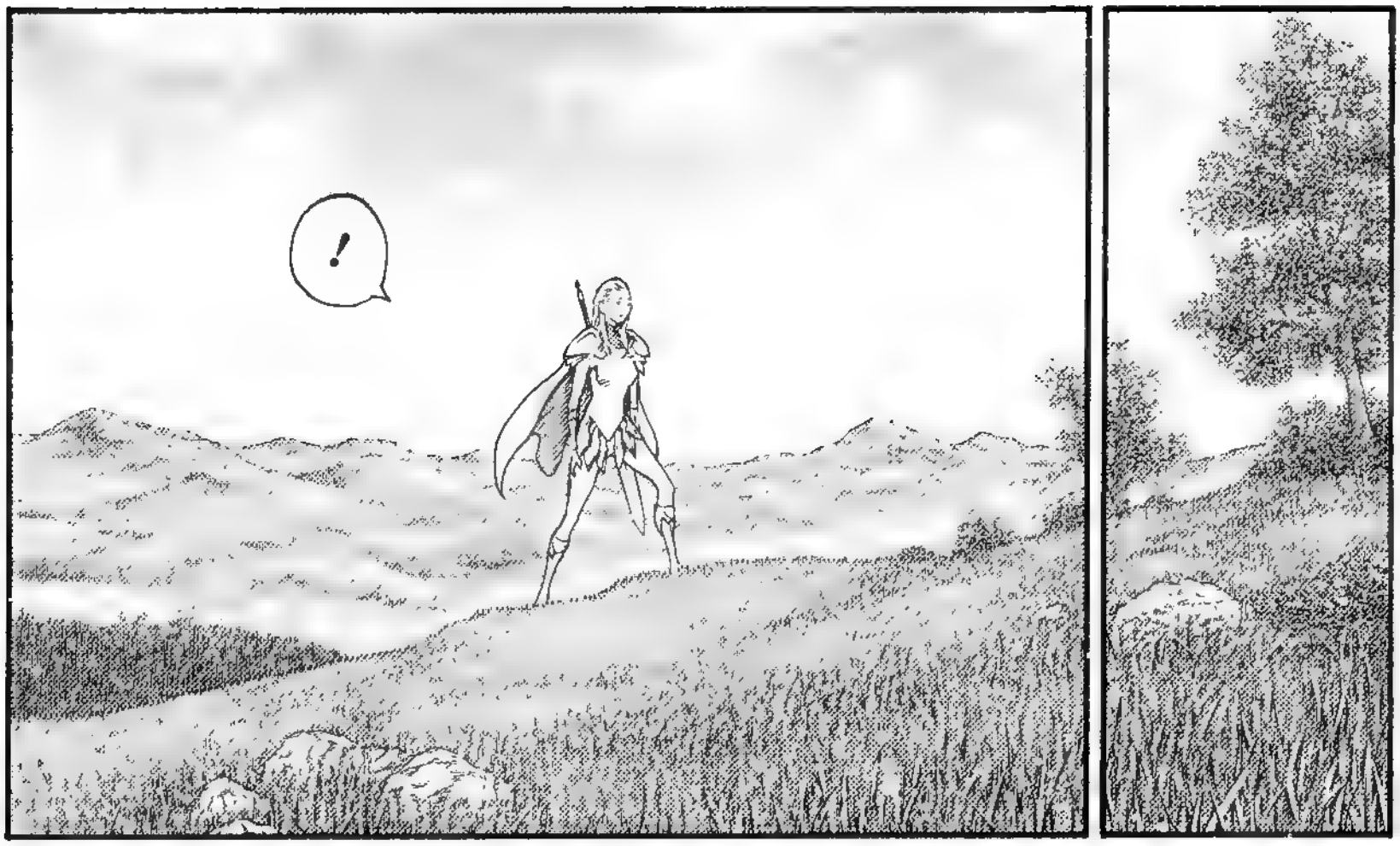
RIGHT ...

...PRI-SCILLA?

WE'VE GOT TO HURRY ...

...AND FIND CLARE.

SMILE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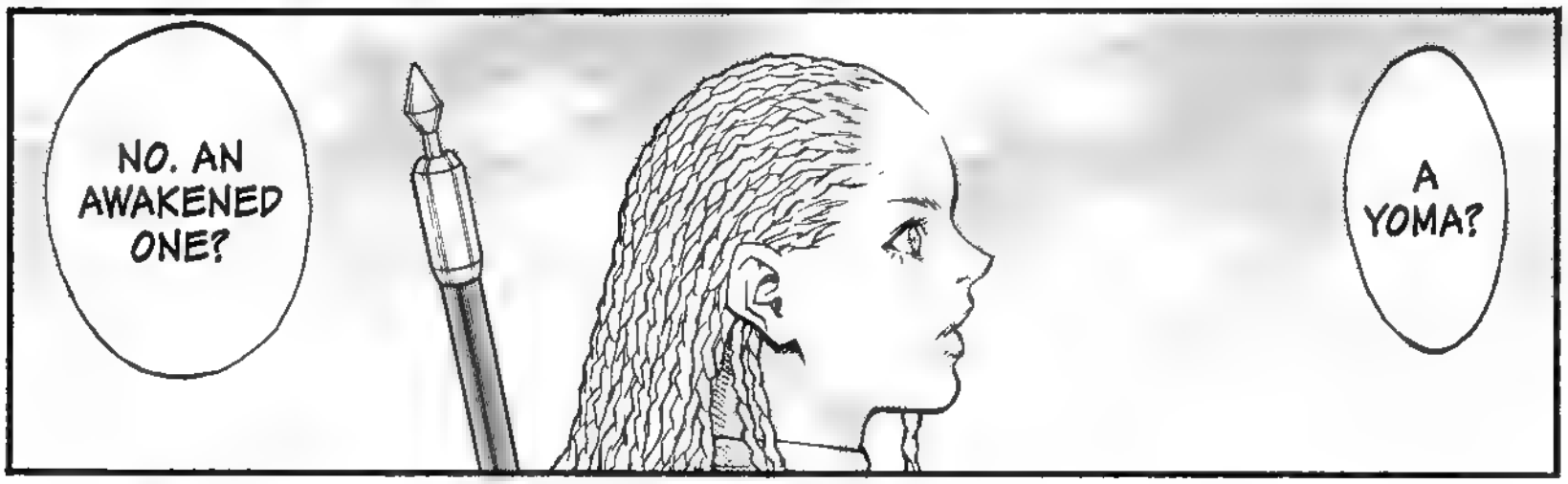
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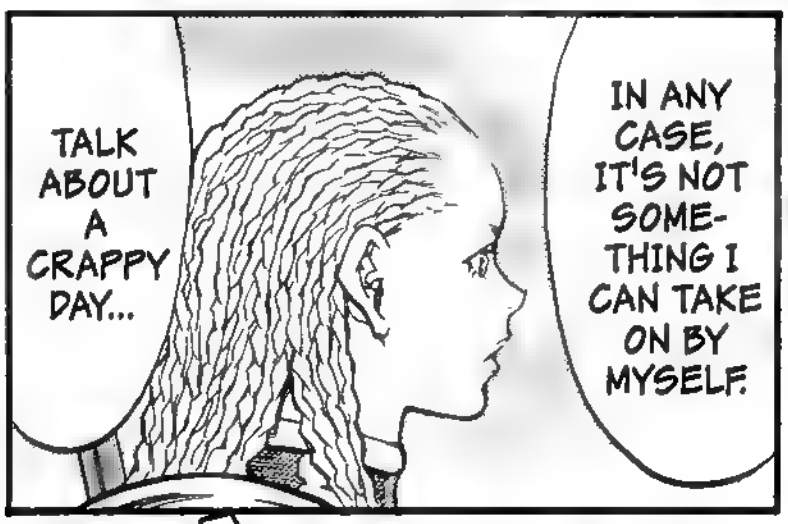
A YOMA?


TALK ABOUT A CRAPPY DAY...
IN ANY CASE, IT'S NOT SOME-THING I CAN TAKE ON BY MYSELF.

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M

IT'S FOLLOW-ING ME?
WHAT DOES IT WANT?

WO

OSH

...THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH ME.

SORRY, BUT...

BA

BAT

ZZSSSH

BAM

BA

M

BAM

LOOKS LIKE I LOST IT SOME-WHERE ALONG THE WAY.

GOOD THING.

PHEW ...

I'M PRETTY SURE I CAN OUT-RUN ANY REGULAR AWAKENED BEING.

BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ONE CHASING A WARRIOR.

I'D BETTER ...

...REPORT BOTH THIS AND THE PREVIOUS INCIDENT TO THE ORGANI-ZATION.

!!

DO

M

TO

DO GA DO

DAMN!

THIS WAS A TRAP?!

AGH!
YOU SENSED DAUF'S AURA FROM FAR AWAY...
AND YOU WERE EVEN ABLE TO SENSE MY HIDDEN AURA, ALTHOUGH IT WAS ONLY AT THE LAST MOMENT.
YOU PASSED ...
...THE TEST.
WHAM

クレイモア
Claymore

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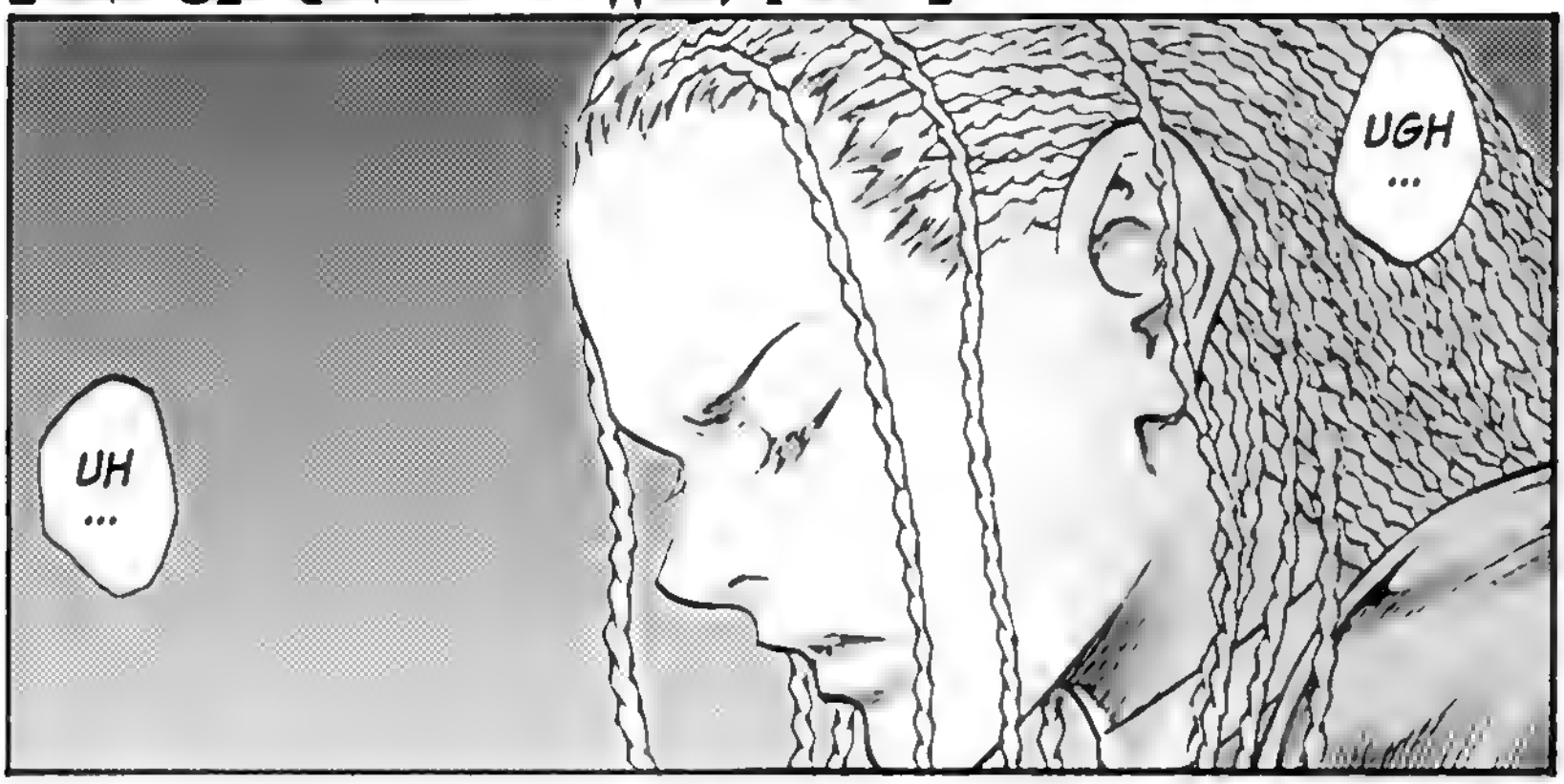

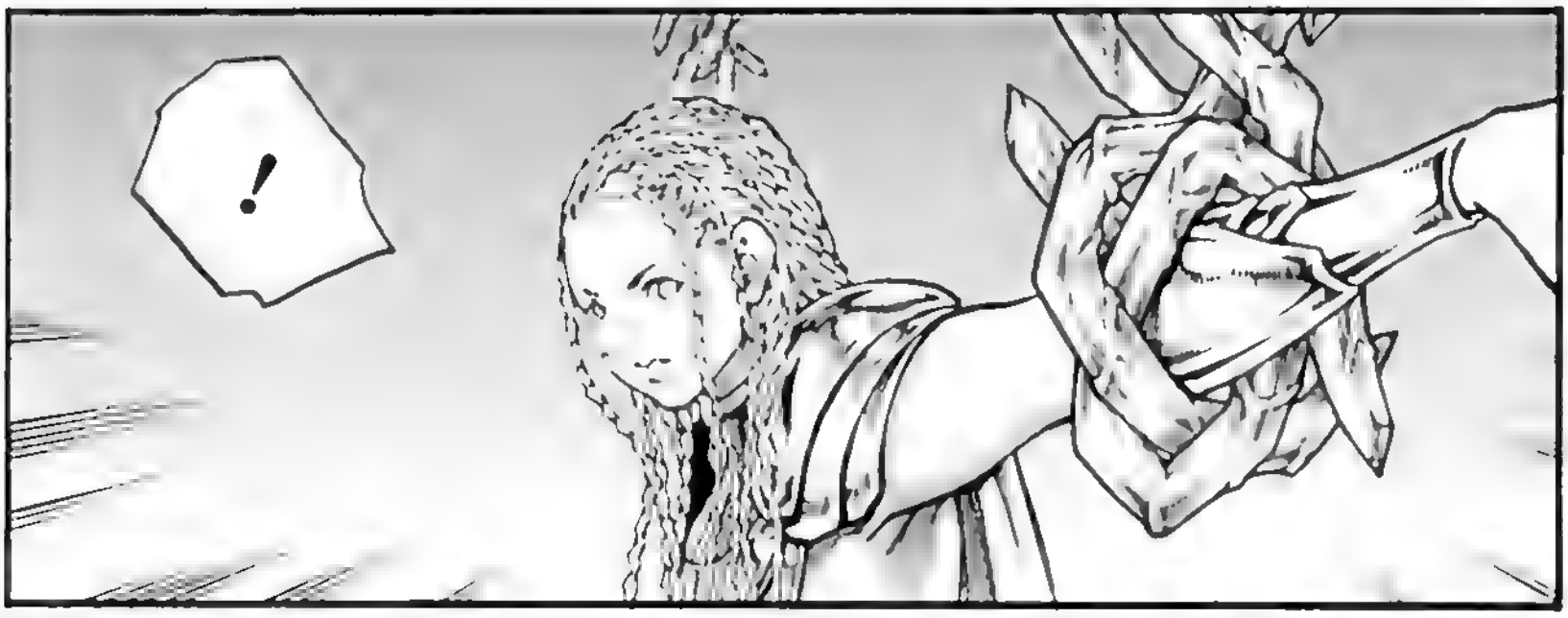

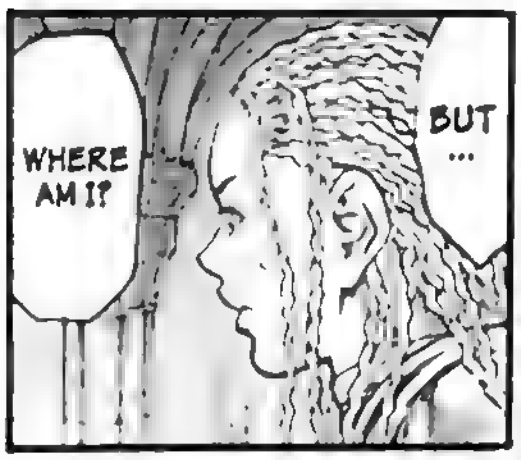

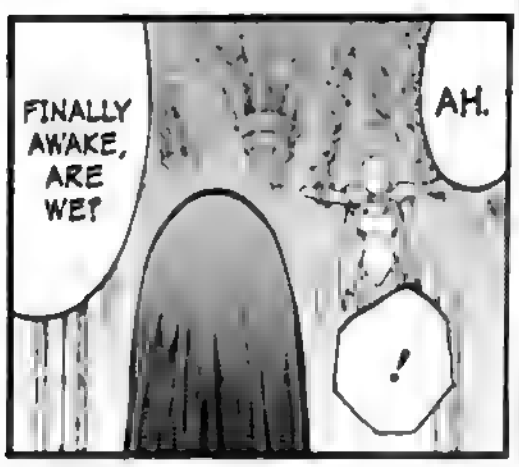

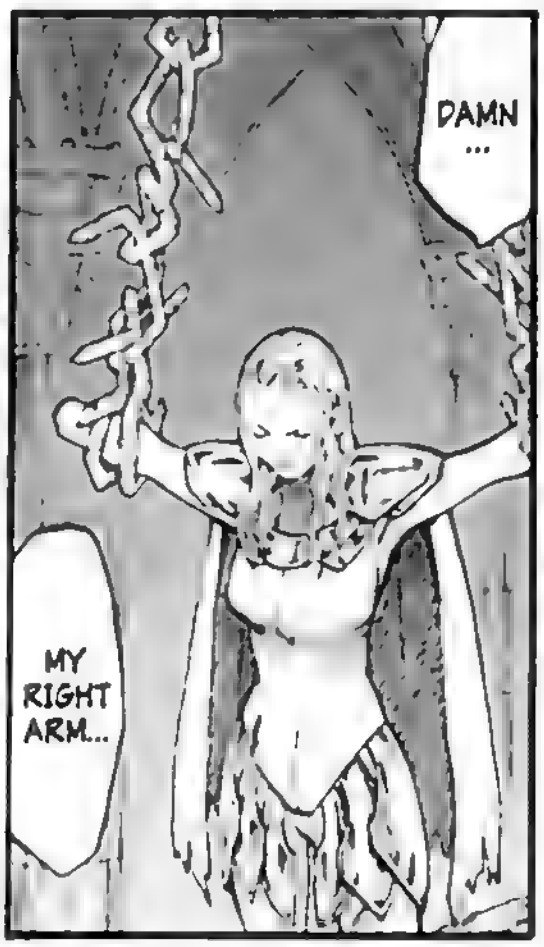

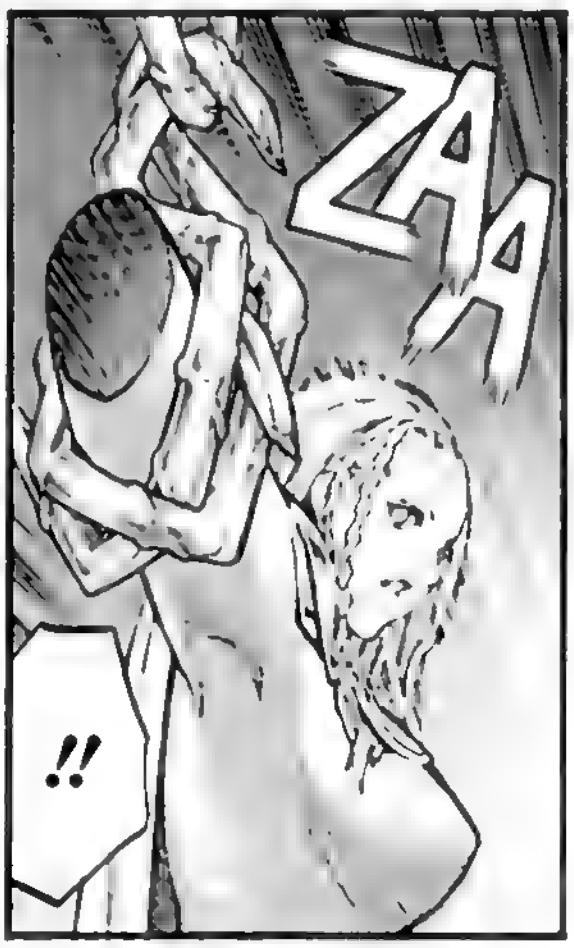

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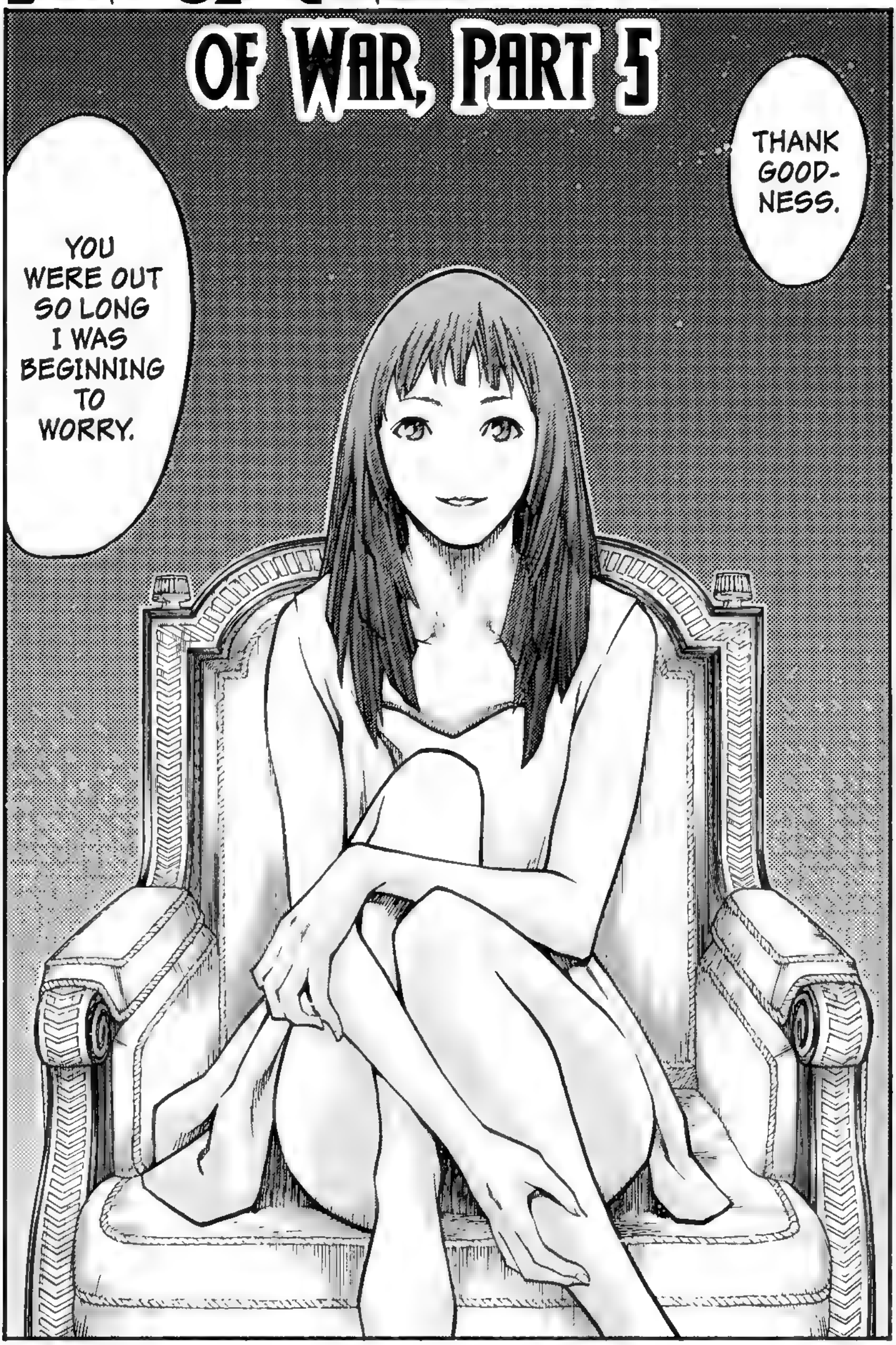

READ THIS WAY

RIFUL OF THE WEST ...

THE CREATURE OF THE ABYSS ...

!

AN EXCELLENT DEDUCTION. JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM A WARRIOR SKILLED AT READING YOMA ENERGY.

CORRECT.

!!

WHAT?

I THOUGHT PERHAPS I HAD BEEN A BIT TOO HARD ON YOU.

BUT I REALLY WAS WORRIED WHEN YOU TOOK SO LONG TO WAKE UP.

I-

WH
...

HEE
HEE.

DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

AAAAAH!

AH...

SO I DECIDED TO TAKE SOME EXTRA PRE-CAUTIONS. I MAY HAVE OVERDONE IT A BIT.

GAH...

AH...

GH...

WELL, YOU'RE AWFULLY FAST EVEN FOR A WARRIOR, AREN'T YOU?

YOU...

YOU BITCH...

PLEASE DO FORGIVE ME.

BUT YOU'RE THE WARRIOR I'VE WANTED FOR EVER SO LONG. I SIMPLY CAN'T LET YOU GET AWAY.

YOU'RE A DEFENSIVE WARRIOR, AREN'T YOU?

IF THINGS GO WELL, THERE'S A CHANCE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO REGENERATE YOUR RIGHT ARM AND EVERY-THING ELSE.

OH, DON'T LOOK SO UPSET.

...I THINK WE SHOULD PROBABLY HURRY, DON'T YOU?

BUT SINCE IT GETS HARDER AND HARDER TO REGENERATE AS TIME PASSES...

... YOU'LL KEEP YOUR PROM-ISE?

HOW DO I KNOW...

THEN YOU'LL BE FREE.

I'LL LET YOU GO RIGHT AWAY.

THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO BE NICE AND COOPER-ATE.

!

BUT ONCE WE'RE DONE HERE, I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU.

YOU DON'T.

I THINK DAUF MIGHT WANT TO PLAY WITH YOU, BUT YOU CAN PROBABLY ESCAPE HIM.

AND I ALSO DON'T REALLY CARE IF YOU GO REPORT THIS TO THE ORGANI-ZATION AFTER YOU LEAVE.

GASHA

...DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

WHAT...

IF YOU'RE TOO SLOW, YOU'LL LOSE EVERY-THING.

SO ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU COOPERATED WITH ME WITHOUT ANY HESITATION.

HERE, RIFUL.

I BROUGHT IT.

DRA

G

CHANK

YAH.

PLEASE.

GO HANG IT UP IN FRONT OF HER.

WE'RE JUST FINISH-ING OUR LITTLE CHAT.

PERFECT TIMING.

KLANK
KLANK
KLANK
KLANK
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KLANK
KLANK
...
KLANK
KLANK
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KLANK

IS YOUR RIGHT ARM ALL BETTER NOW?

YES, THANK YOU.

A COMRADE HELPED ME HEAL IT.

ORDINARILY IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN CLOSE TO A WEEK, BUT IT'S ALREADY DONE.

READ THIS WAY

I MEAN CLARE. IT SEEMS YOU KNOW HER...

DON'T YOU, FATHER VINCENT?

47...

!

AND NOW SHE HAS AGAIN.

THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN REPAY HER.

SEVEN YEARS AGO, SHE RID OUR TOWN OF YOMA.

I OWE MY COMRADES A DEBT OF GRATITUDE AS WELL.

!

FATHER MOHR IS ALSO WAITING FOR YOUR RETURN.

THEREFORE, IF THERE IS EVEN THE SLIGHTEST THING WE CAN DO TO HELP YOU ALL...

...WE'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO DO IT.

...I GLADLY ACCEPT.

IF YOU'RE WILLING TO HAVE ME...

HE WANTS YOU TO HURRY BACK AND TAKE CARE OF THEM.

HE HAS HIS HANDS FULL WITH THE CHILDREN WHO COME TO THE CHURCH EVERY DAY ASKING WHERE THEIR BELOVED SISTER HAS GONE.

!

PATA PAT

GOMP

YOU CAN'T RUN AROUND NAKED IN FRONT OF PEOPLE!

MIATA, COME BACK HERE!

YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED YOUR BATH!

READ THIS WAY

...A GIRL SHOULDN'T RUN AROUND A CATHEDRAL IN THIS—

COME, NOW. NO MATTER HOW YOUNG YOU ARE ...

Pat

I HATE WATER ...

I HATE THE BATH...

!!

NO ONE LIKES A GIRL WHO DOESN'T BATHE.

GO ON BACK.

SHE...

!

UH...

YOU'RE MORE THE PROBLEM.

I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL NEXT TIME.

BOW

I'M SO SORRY!

BOW

TRY NOT TO LET THE YOUNG ACOLYTES SEE YOU LIKE THIS.

IF YOU RUN AWAY AGAIN I WON'T LET YOU SLEEP IN MY BED!

FLAP

LOOK HERE, MIATA!

...

WHEN I SAW CLARE'S BODY.

I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE.

SEEING WHAT OUR BODIES LOOK LIKE...

YOU DON'T SEEM TOO SUR-PRISED.

READ THIS WAY

LIKE A FOOL, I WOUND THE BANDAGES OVER HER CLOTHES.

SO MUCH SO THAT I COULD BARELY TOUCH HER.

HONESTLY, I WAS SHOCKED.

I SAW IT WHEN I WAS TREATING HER AFTER SHE'D BEEN WOUNDED BY THE YOMA.

THAT WAS NO WAY TO TREAT SOMEONE WHO RISKED HER LIFE TO SAVE US.

I'M ASHAMED OF HOW I ACTED THEN.

AND POSSESS MORE MERCY AND INTEGRITY THAN ANY OF US.

YOU ALL ARE TRULY STRONG.

A SIGN THAT SOMETHING ABHORRENT IS LIVING WITHIN OUR BODIES.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED. IT'S THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE THAT WE'RE HALF-YOMA.

FOR YOU AND YOUR WON-DERFUL COMPAN-IONS.

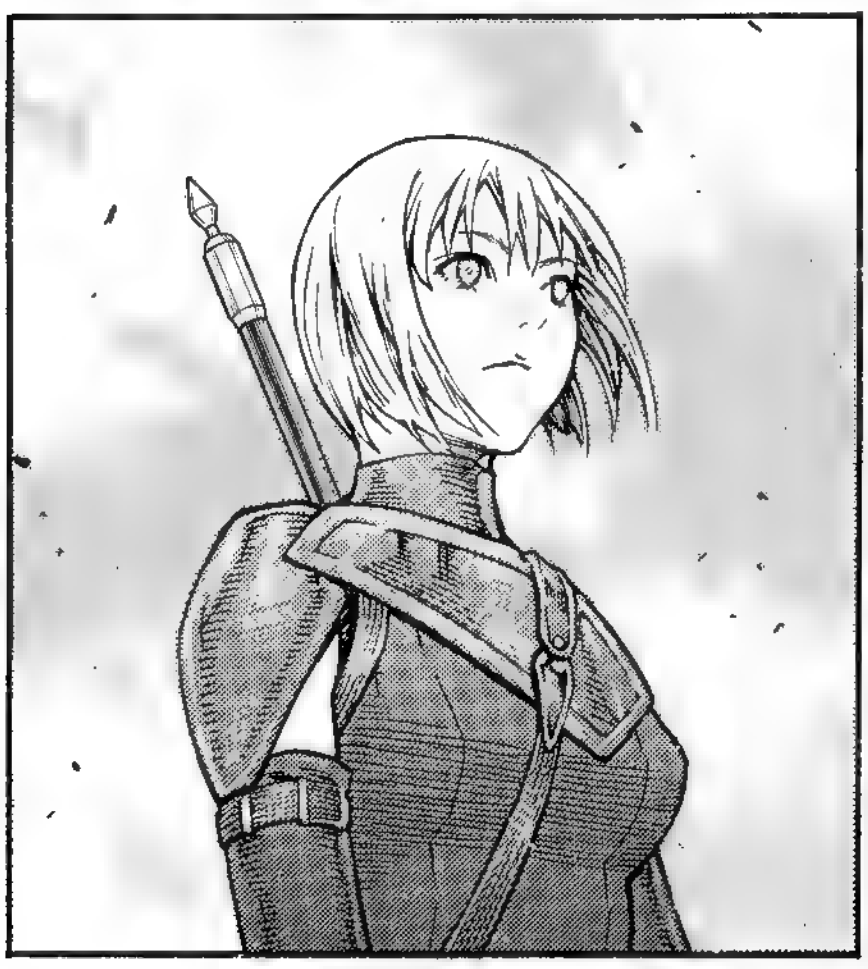
LET ME PRAY FOR YOU.

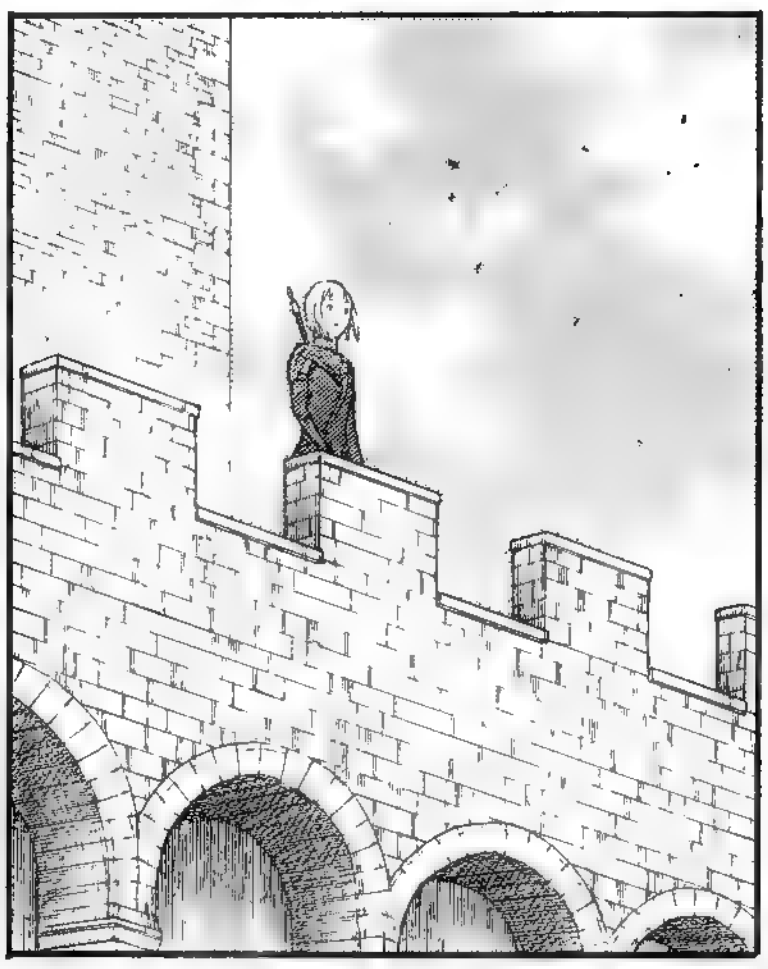
!

SHF

...YOU WILL RECEIVE GOD'S BLESS-INGS.

I BELIEVE THAT SOMEHOW, IN THE FUTURE ...





SHAKU

!

... CLARE?

SO YOU WANT TO GO WEST...

!

AND CLEAR ALL THE LINGERING ATTACH-MENTS IN YOUR HEART.

YOU SHOULD GO.

MIRIA ...

I—

H-HEY ...

MIRIA ...

!

IF YOU CONTINUE TO BE WEIGHED DOWN BY THAT DESIRE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD.

I ASSUME THAT ONE IS VENGEANCE FOR THE MANY SOULS THAT HAVE ALREADY PERISHED... AND THE OTHER IS TO FIND THE BOY YOU'VE BEEN SEARCH-ING FOR.

WHEN WE LEFT THE NORTH, YOU SAID YOU HAD TWO MAIN OBJECTIVES.

THE SAME GOES FOR ALL OF YOU.

NOT JUST CLARE.

IT WILL PROBABLY BE OUR LAST ONE. BEFORE THEN, IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING LEFT TO TAKE CARE OF, YOU'D BETTER SETTLE IT NOW.

OUR FIGHT AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION WILL INVOLVE CREATURES OF THE ABYSS. IT WILL BE AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT BATTLE.

READ THIS WAY

EH?

I TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT I CAN'T GUARANTEE YOU'LL SURVIVE THIS FIGHT.

SO AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING AND GO INTO IT WITH NO REGRETS.

BUT I WANT YOU TO MOVE IN GROUPS OF TWO OR MORE.

WHER-EVER YOU GO, THERE MUST BE AT LEAST TWO OF YOU.

IF YOU OBEY THAT RULE, YOU CAN GO WHEREVER YOU WANT.

IF YOU MANAGE TO FIND A WAY TO SURVIVE OUT THERE, THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT THOSE FALLEN IN THE NORTH WOULD HAVE WANTED.

IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND AND DECIDE NOT TO RETURN, I WON'T HOLD IT AGAINST YOU.

...

WHEN THE TIME COMES, I'LL GO FORWARD ALONE IF I MUST.

I WILL WAIT HERE FOR YOU ALL.

!

IN THAT CASE, I THINK I'LL TAKE A TRIP TOO.

YOUR TOWN'S PRETTY CLOSE TO MINE.

HOW 'BOUT IT, DENEVE?

BUT IF YOU'RE GOING, I'LL GO WITH YOU.

I'VE NO INTEREST IN THAT PLACE.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I HAVEN'T BEEN BACK TO MY HOMETOWN ONCE SINCE I LEFT.

IT'D BE PRETTY BORING JUST HANGING AROUND UNTIL CLARE GETS BACK.

CYNTHIA, TABITHA.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

UMA.

RIGHT NOW, I THINK IT WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS FOR ME TO GO THERE.

MY... MY TOWN IS A SMALL VILLAGE IN THE EAST, CLOSE TO THE ORGANIZATION HEAD-QUARTERS.

SO I'M FINE.

I DON'T HAVE A HOME.

I'LL STAY HERE WITH YOU, MIRIA.

I DON'T REALLY HAVE MEMORIES OF MY HOME-TOWN.

...YOU GO WITH CLARE TO THE WEST.

IN THAT CASE, CYNTHIA AND UMA...

I SEE ...

MIRIA, I CAN GO ALONE.

I'LL BE FINE BY—

HEY, WAIT!

UNDER-STOOD.

!

IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT, THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY HERE.

AS I JUST TOLD YOU, IF YOU SEPARATE FROM THE TEAM, YOU MUST GO WITH TWO OR MORE.

GOOD THINKING. THAT WAY, NOT EVEN CLARE CAN GO RUNNING WILD INTO DANGEROUS SITUATIONS.

HEH HEH HEH... NOT JUST CYNTHIA, BUT UMA TOO.

IF YOU HAVE TWO OTHER WARRIORS WITH YOU, WHATEVER THE SITUATION, YOU'LL PROBABLY ACT MORE RATIONALLY.

YOU IN PARTICULAR HAVE A TENDENCY TO GET OUT OF CONTROL.

...

READ THIS WAY

ABOVE ALL, AVOID CONTACT WITH AWAKENED BEINGS AND WARRIORS SO THAT YOU DON'T GET INTO NEEDLESS FIGHTS.

AT ANY RATE, BE CAREFUL IN ALL THAT YOU DO.

...AND PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF YOU ALL.

I WILL WAIT HERE ...

GA

SHAK

THA ...

THAT'S...

GUSHI

GUSHI

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GUSHI

ARE THEY ...

...FUSED TOGETHER?

RAFAELA STOOD BEFORE HER SISTER IN ORDER TO TAKE HER LIFE.

HER YOUNGER SISTER RAFAELA, WHOSE MISTAKE HAD CAUSED LUCIELA TO AWAKEN, CHASED AFTER HER.

...WAS OBLIGATED TO KILL THE MONSTER SHE HAD BECOME.

SHE LOVED HER SISTER, AND YET...

SEVEN YEARS AGO, ISLEY AND LUCIELA— TWO CREATURES OF THE ABYSS— FOUGHT A BATTLE.

LUCIELA LOST AND WAS DRIVEN FROM THE SOUTH.

...TO BOTH KILL HER SISTER AND PROTECT HER AT THE SAME TIME.

SO RAFAELA MANAGED ...

!

I'VE LIVED A LONG TIME, AND I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING THIS EX-QUISITE.

BEAU-TIFUL, ISN'T IT?

SHE PROBABLY DIDN'T DO IT INTEN-TIONALLY, BUT THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.

THE MOMENT SHE TOOK LUCIELA'S LIFE, SHE POURED HER OWN LIFE FORCE INTO HER.

BOKO

UNH.

DAUF.

BOKO

BOKO

BOKO

GEH.

!

GASHUK

!!

THUD

OK

GURI

GEH.

GEH-HEH.

GURI

WHAT-EVER WE DO, THERE'S NO REAC-TION.

YOU SEE?

GISHI

GISHI

GISHI

GURI

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GURI

EVEN IF I TOOK THINGS TO THE POINT WHERE THEY DIED, THERE STILL PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE A REACTION.

AND THEN I FIGURED IT OUT. STIMULATION FROM THE OUTSIDE IS USELESS.

A WARRIOR WHO CAN MANIPULATE YOMA ENERGY AND STIMULATE THEM FROM WITHIN.

SLUT

SO I NEEDED A WARRIOR SKILLED IN READING YOMA ENERGY.

IT COULD BE A DEMONIC, TERRIBLE CREATURE.

THAT SAID, IF IT DOES AWAKEN, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT KIND OF THING IT WILL BE.

PROBABLY SOME-THING AS STRONG AS A CREATURE OF THE ABYSS.

IF RETURNED TO CON-SCIOUSNESS, THEY MIGHT EMERGE AS A LIFE FORM DIFFERENT FROM LUCIELA.

READ THIS WAY

IF SOMETHING STRONGER THAN YOU EMERGED, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

IF...

GULP

BUT IF IT WERE TOO WEAK IT WOULD BE USE-LESS.

IDEALLY, IT WOULD BE AN OBEDIENT CHILD JUST A TINY BIT WEAKER THAN ME.

THAT'S OBVIOUS.

SILLY.

...I'D CHOKE ITS LIFE OUT.

BEFORE IT COM-PLETELY AWAKENED ...

クレイモア
Claymore

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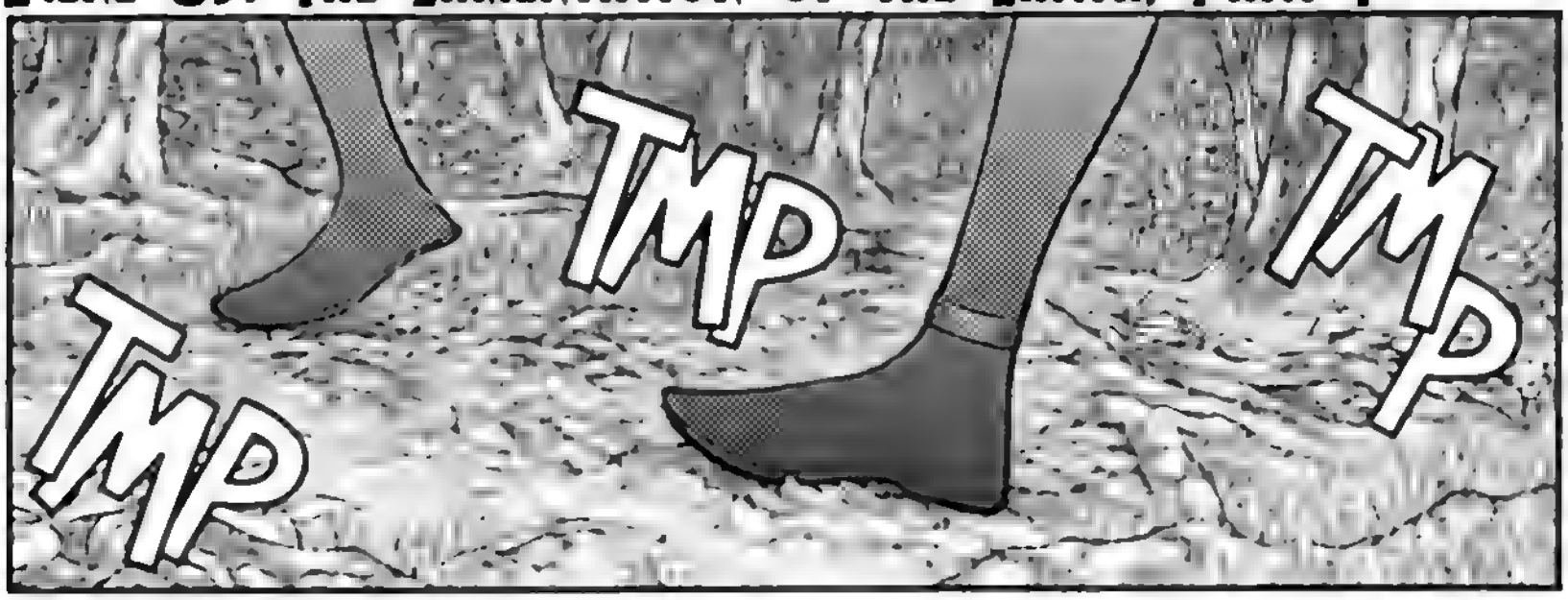

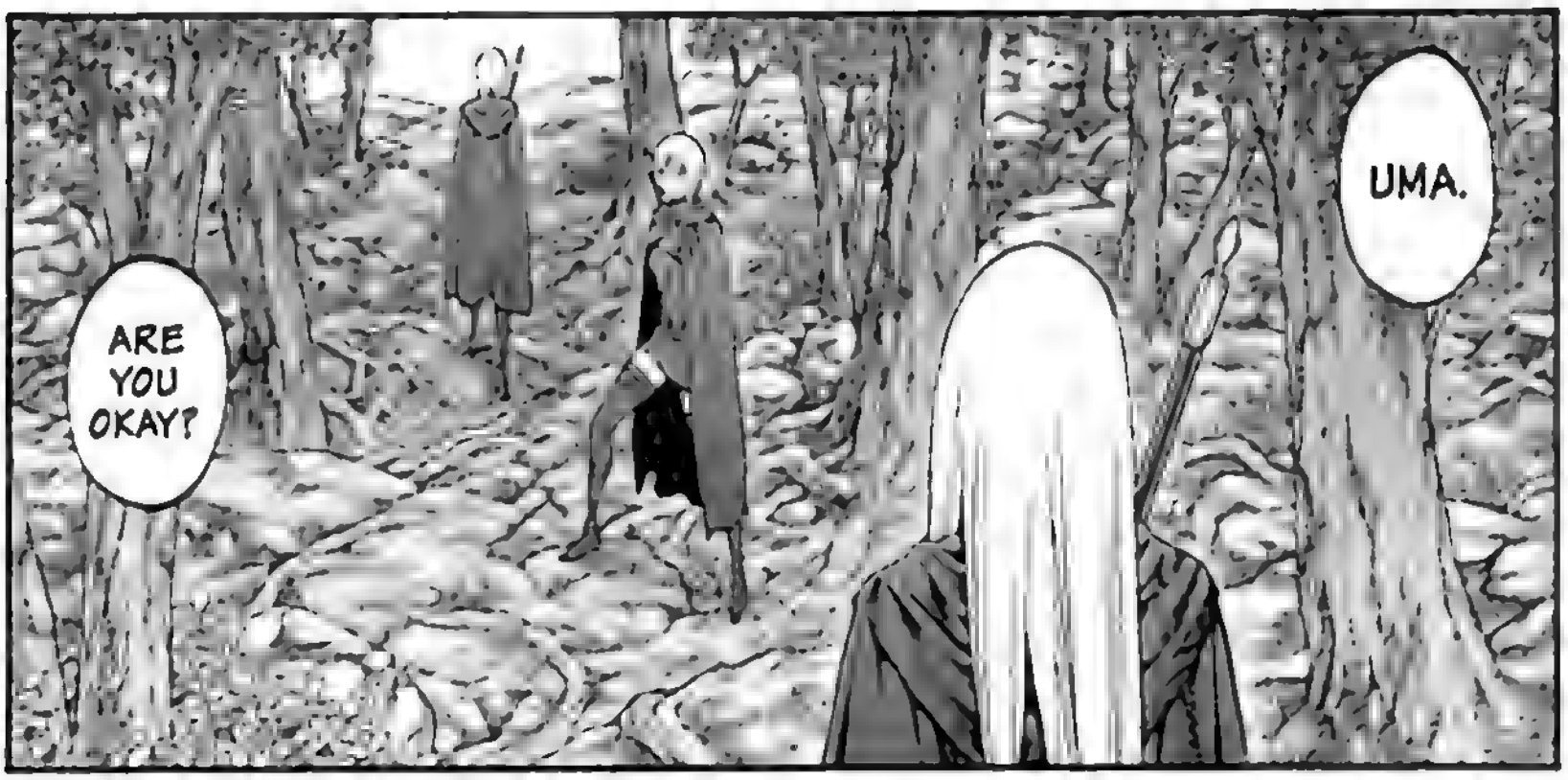

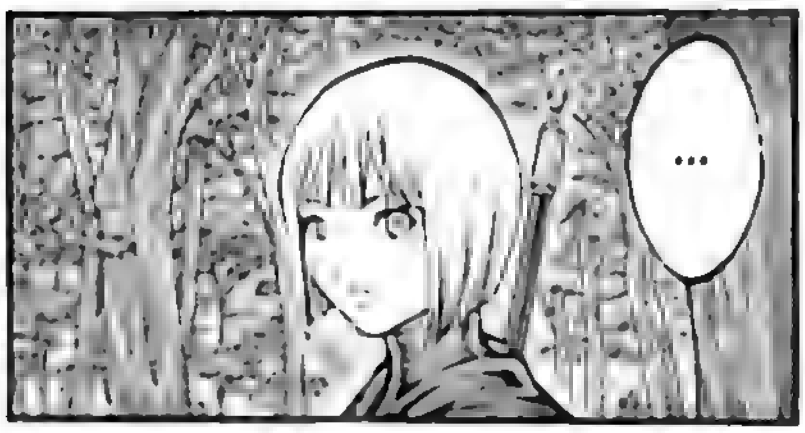

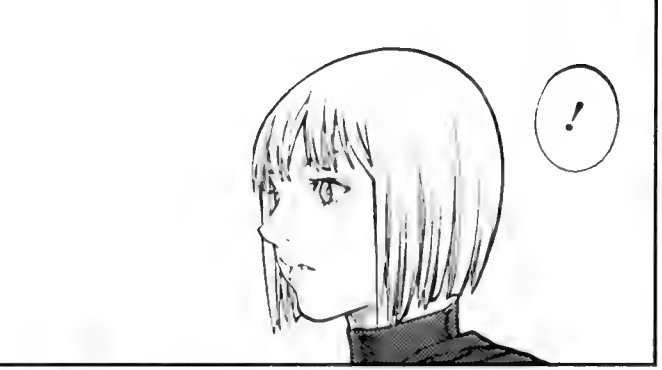

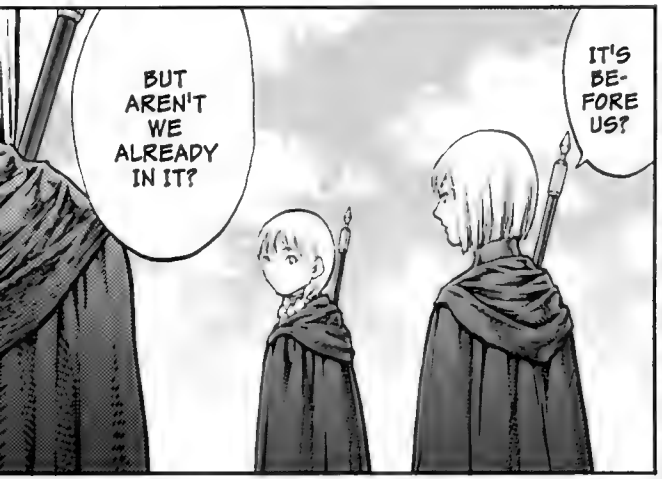

GASHAK
AT LEAST AS REGARDS THE CREATURES OF THE ABYSS, YOU CAN THINK OF THE LAND AS DIVIDED INTO FOUR PARTS.
YES, TECHNICALLY. THAT'S HOW THE ORGANIZATION DESIGNATES IT FOR CONVEN-IENCE.

Scene 83: The Lamentation of the Earth, Part 1

AND THIS IS HOW THE ORGANI-ZATION DIVIDES IT.

FOUR REGIONS: THREE FOR THE CREATURES OF THE ABYSS AND ONE FOR THE ORGANIZATION.

SCRTCH

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BUT ...

...IS SHAPED ROUGHLY LIKE THIS.

OUR LAND, THE CONTINENT THAT UNTIL NOW WE THOUGHT WAS THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD...

SCRTCH

SCRTCH

SCRTCH

...MOST PEOPLE THINK OF IT LIKE THIS.

THE CENTRAL AREA IS CALLED TOULOUSE. THAT'S WHERE RABONA IS.

READ THIS WAY

...

THE TOP THREE WARRIORS ARE STATIONED HERE SO THAT THEY CAN RESPOND QUICKLY TO ANY LOCATION.

AND TO KEEP THE STRENGTH DISTRIBUTION UNIFORM, THE LOWER NUMBERS ARE ALSO OFTEN ASSIGNED TO THE CENTER.

!

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.

EH?

YOU MIGHT LOSE UMA, BUT THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D BE ABLE TO SHAKE ME.

IN TERMS OF SPEED AND STAMINA, I'M MUCH STRONGER THAN YOU, CLARE.

THOSE WERE MIRIA'S ORDERS.

"CLARE ALWAYS WANTS TO ACT ALONE, SO YOU TWO WILL HAVE TO STAY WITH HER AT ALL TIMES."

EVEN IF WE LOST SIGHT OF YOU...

...WE'D FOLLOW YOUR TRAIL AND CATCH UP EVENTU-ALLY.

SO DON'T WORRY.

...AND DECIDE YOU WANT TO STAY WITH HIM, WE'LL LEAVE YOU TWO ALONE.

IT'LL BE FINE. IF YOU FIND THE BOY YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...

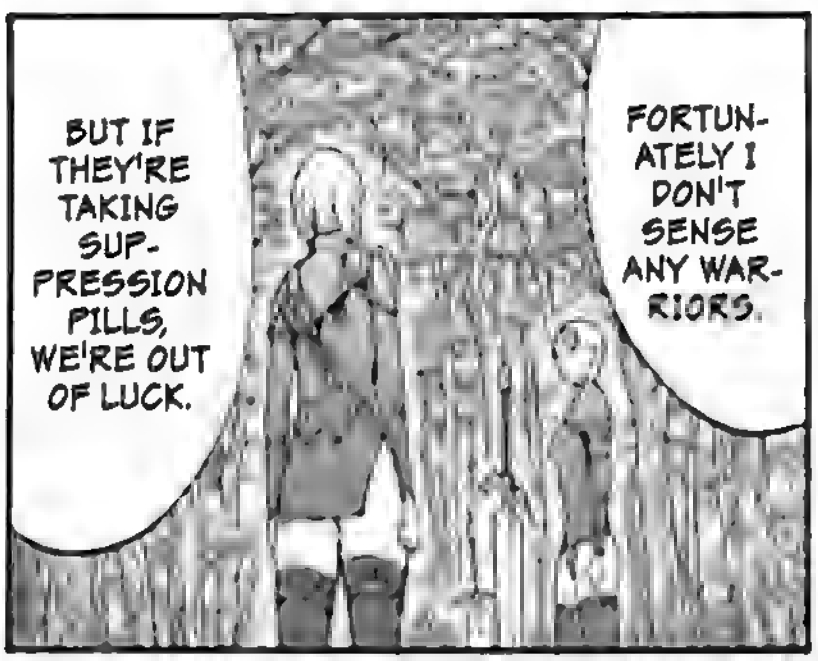
SADDLING ME WITH THESE BUSY-BODIES.

DAMN THAT MIRIA...

TCH.

I READ THE SAME.
AND AMONG THE SIXTEEN IN THE WEST...
THERE ARE TWO STRONG AURAS. PROBABLY AWAKENED BEINGS.

I'M GETTING FOUR TO THE NORTHEAST, TWO TO THE NORTH, SIX TO THE SOUTH, AND SIXTEEN TO THE WEST...
HOW'S THAT?


FORTUN-ATELY I DON'T SENSE ANY WAR-RIORS.
BUT IF THEY'RE TAKING SUP-PRESSION PILLS, WE'RE OUT OF LUCK.

SO WE CAN READ YOMA ENERGY TO ABOUT THE SAME DISTANCE.
IF WE BOTH DO IT, THAT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO KEEP US INFORMED.

SHUK

BUT IN THAT CASE, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO READ OUR YOMA ENERGY EITHER, SO THAT WOULD WORK IN OUR FAVOR.

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

GASHAK

FIRST, I WANT TO TRY GOING TO THE NEAREST TOWN IN THE WEST.

DO YOU INTEND TO STOP ME?

I KNOW THAT AL-READY.

HUH?!

IT'S PROBABLY AN AWAKENED ONE.

THERE'S A STRONG YOMA AURA IN THAT TOWN.

AVOIDING TOWNS IS NO WAY TO SEARCH FOR SOME-BODY.

NO, LET'S GO.

GA SHAK

WHA ...

... THINGS ARE BOUND TO WORK OUT.

smile

AND WITH ALL THREE OF US TOGETHER ...

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READ THIS WAY

WHY ARE THEY HERE?

THREE CLAY-MORES ...

WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?

THEY MUST BE TAKING AURA SUPPRES-SANTS.

THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF.

... PROBABLY AREN'T AWARE OF THE AWAKENED ONE'S EXISTENCE.

YES, THOSE THREE ...

THAT'S A PRETTY SMALL NUMBER FOR AN AWAKENED BEING HUNT.

BUT JUST THREE OF THEM ...

LOOK.

HEY, CLARE.

WHAT ARE THEY-

SUP-PRESSING THEIR ENERGY AND COMING TO THIS SMALL TOWN ...

AND ALSO ...

AND TWO OF THEM?

WATCH-ERS...

NOT ONLY...

THAT'S PRETTY ODD.

DID THEY COME TO A SITE, BUT TWO CAME JUST TO WATCH SOME WARRIORS?

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ANY SIGN OF THEM?

NO.

THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS TOWN.

READ THIS WAY

YOU'LL BE GETTING PROMOTED, SO KEEP THIS FAILURE TO YOURSELVES.

THE INFORMATION CAME IN MUCH TOO LATE.

DAMN IT.

...THAT SHE'S ALREADY BEEN CAPTURED.

WE HAVE TO ASSUME ...

IT'S MOVING.

THE AWAKENED ONE ...

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JUDGING BY THE NUMBER OF WARRIORS, I THINK THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR ONE OF THEIR OWN.

CLARE ...

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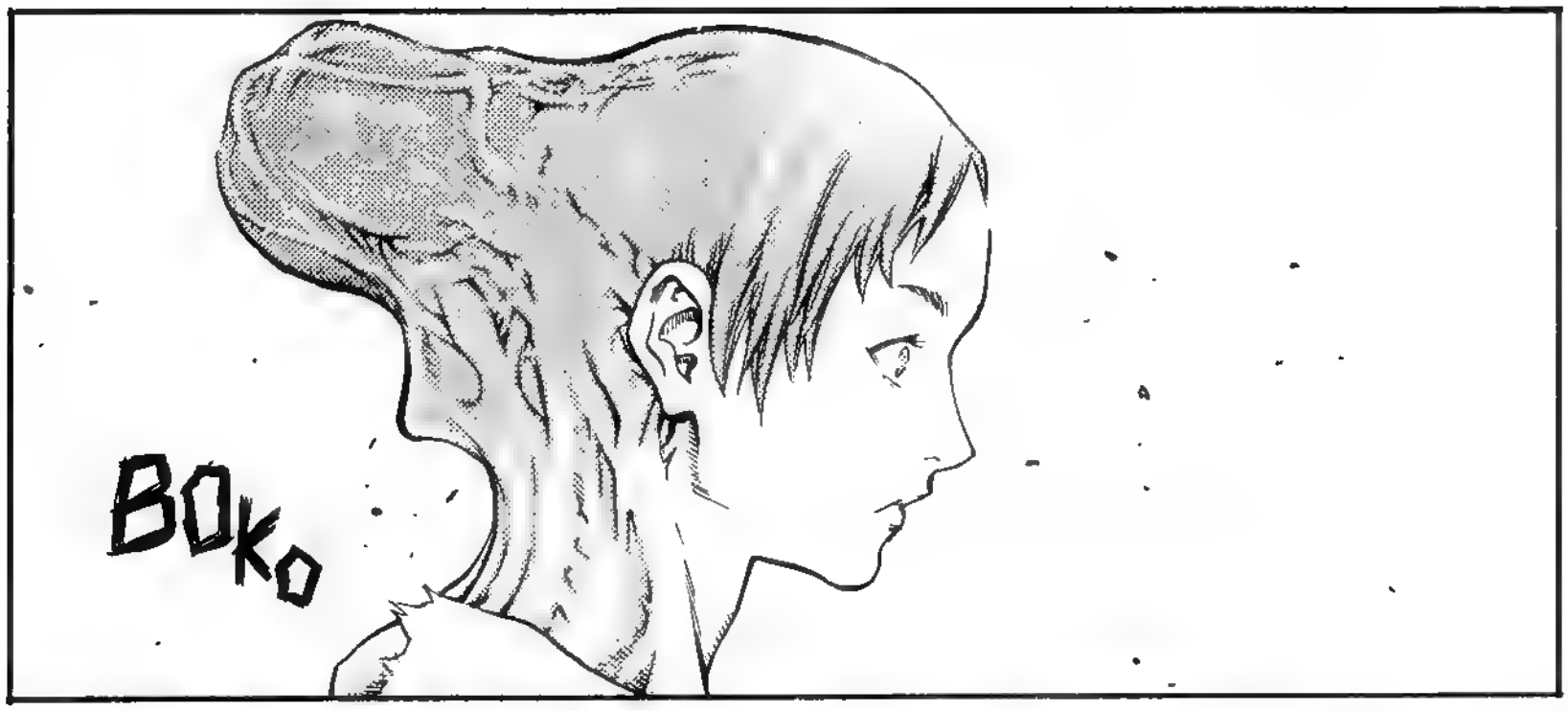
WHO ARE THEY LOOKING FOR?

INFORMATION? CAPTURED?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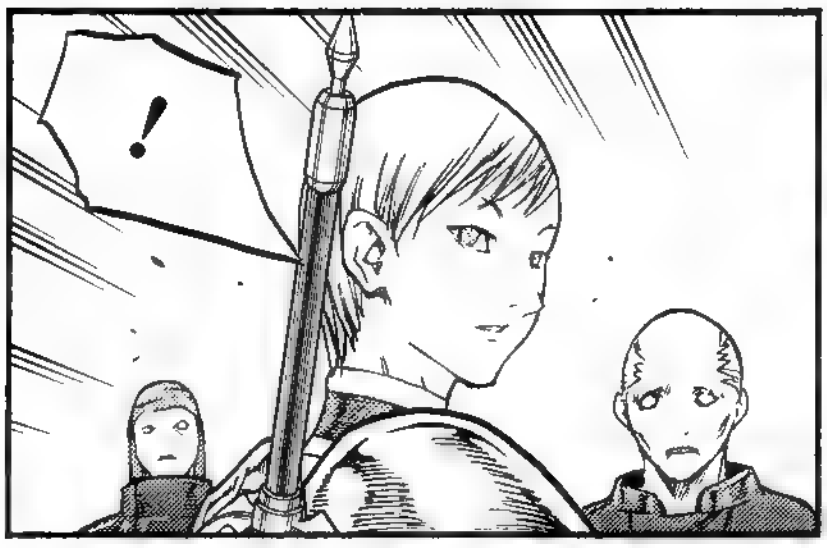
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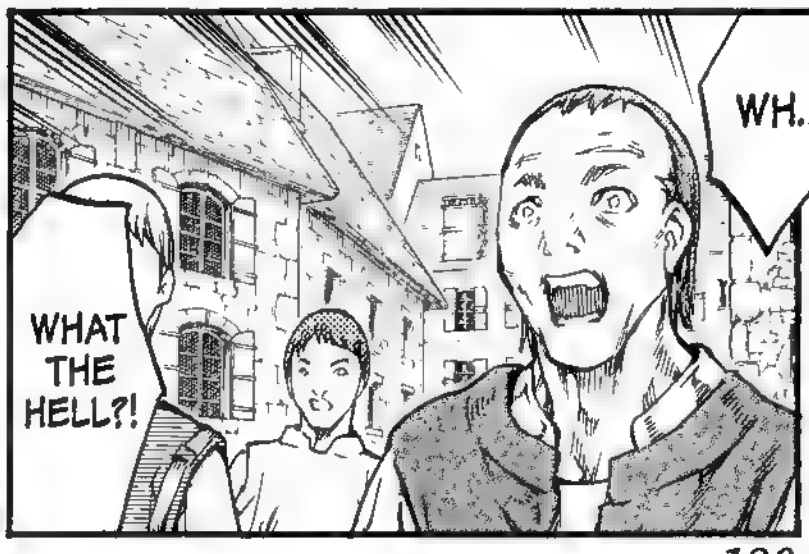
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TAKE CARE OF THEM!

WHO ARE YOU?!

GASHAK

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WHAM

YOU LITTLE ...

THUD

UGH ...

KANG

KANG

KANG

FLIP

I'M NUMBER 14. YOU SERIOUSLY THINK YOU CAN—

KANG

NO WAY...

KANG

KANG

GAH.

SLUMP

THWAM

WSSH

THE WAR-RIORS HAVE BEEN...

IMPOS-SIBLE ...

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KTHUD

THUD

AH...

WHEW ...

FWIP

...I MANAGED TO GET STRONGER.

AT SOME POINT ...

grip

THE THING IS...

IT FELT LIKE HER SWORD WASN'T EVEN MOVING.

THAT WAS NUMBER 14?

WSSH

SO HOW MUCH STRONGER HAVE THEY BECOME?

...WHEN I'M WITH THE OTHERS, I DON'T FEEL THAT WAY AT ALL.

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SHAK

VWM

VWM

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BABAM

GHA!

YOU...

DO

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BITCH!

NMM

YOU VER-MIN ...

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

READ THIS WAY

FWP

FWP

GOOD.

I KNOCKED OUT THE WARRIORS AND THE WATCHERS.

SHAK

!

SORRY I'M LATE.

VW PASH

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LET'S HURRY UP AND FINISH THIS.

NOW WE CAN FINALLY MOVE FREELY.

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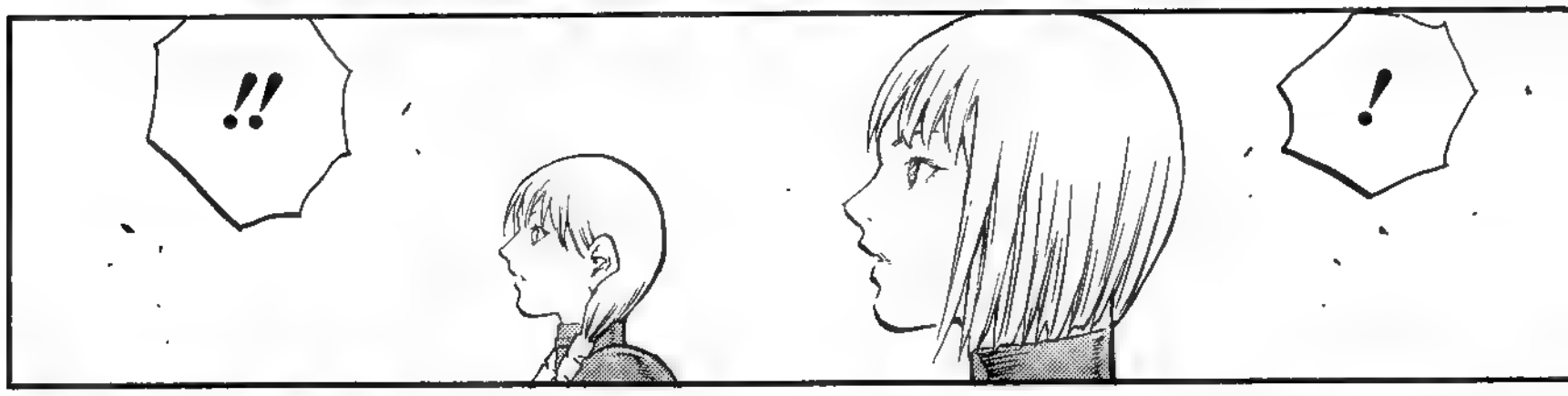
BOKOT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READ THIS WAY

GOD-DAMN, STINK-ING—

YOU—

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UH... OH. THANKS.

MRMR MRMR MRMR

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SCARY...

MAYBE WE SHOULD RUN.

MRMR

MRMR

MRMR

MRMR

AND BEFORE THAT THEY TOOK OUT THOSE CLAY-MORES.

MRMR

MRMR

THEY CUT THE MONSTER TO PIECES ...

WHAT THE...

ARE THEY MONSTERS THEM-SELVES?

NO...

THE TOWNS-PEOPLE ARE FINE, AND THE WARRIORS ARE JUST UNCON-SCIOUS.

ANY CASUAL-TIES?

FOR THAT REASON ALONE, IT WAS WORTH COMING TO THIS TOWN.

WE TOOK CARE OF THINGS WITHOUT A SINGLE PERSON GETTING HURT.

I SEE ...

ISN'T THAT GREAT?

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HM?

NOTHING... JUST TALKING TO MYSELF.

I THINK I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE ORGANIZATION DISLIKED YOU SO MUCH THAT THEY SENT YOU TO DIE IN THE NORTH...

HAH ...

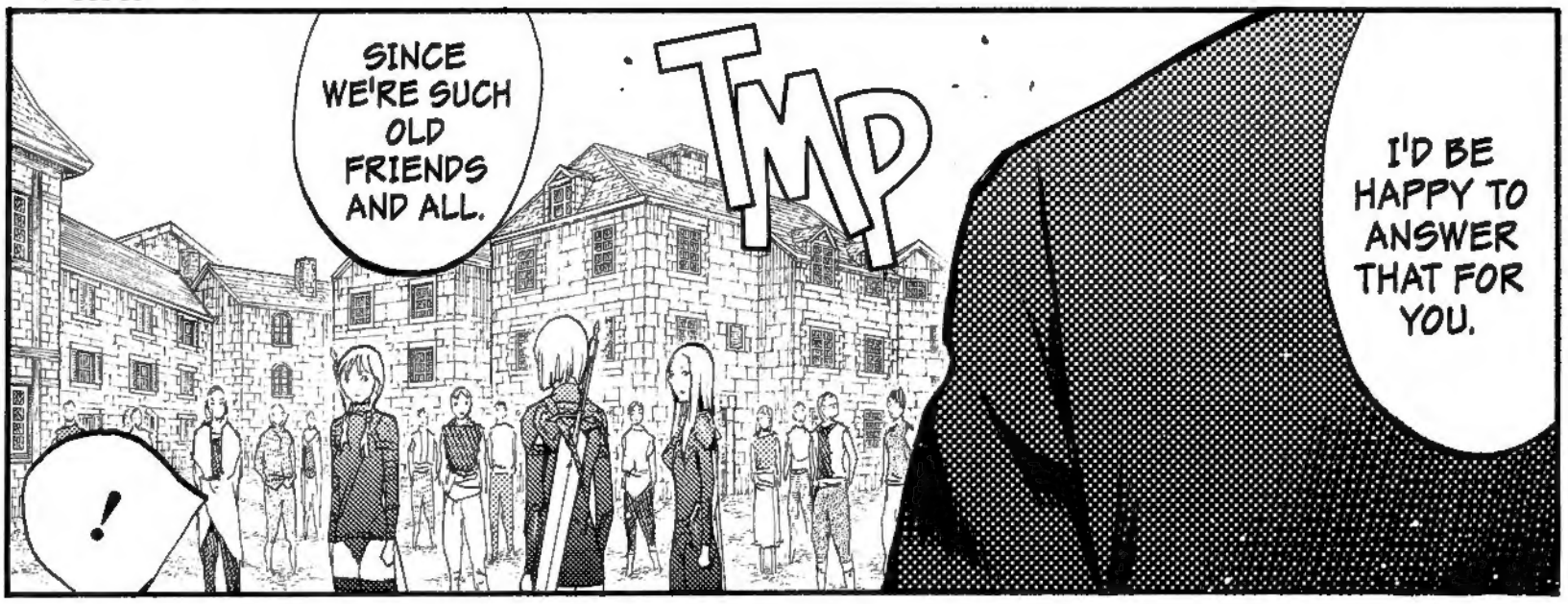
...DOES THAT MEAN THEY WERE TRYING TO HIDE NOT FROM HUMANS BUT FROM YOMA AND AWAKENED ONES?

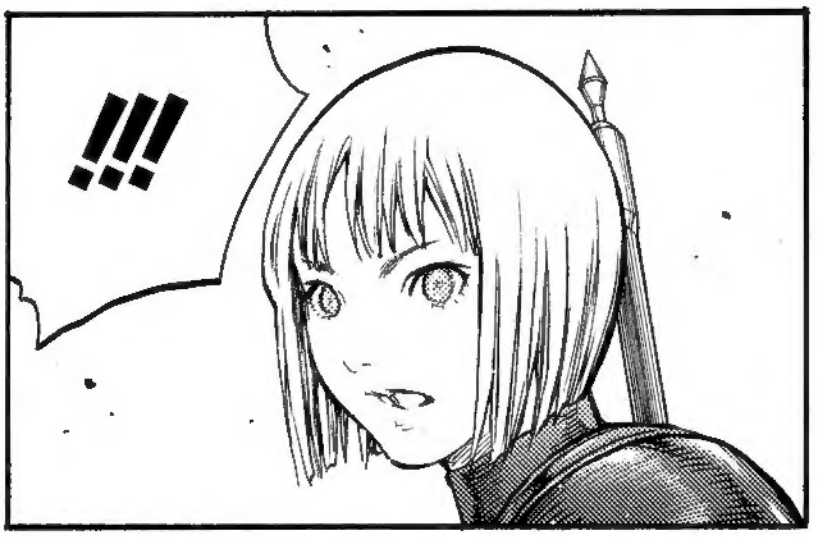
IF THEY WERE TAKING THE DRUGS ON THEIR WAY HERE...

WHY DID THEY COME TO THIS TOWN WITH THEIR AURAS ALREADY HIDDEN?

ANY-WAY, THIS GROUP.

READ THIS WAY





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